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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Foosness, Rolf		1860 Norway

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): CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service		
From: 1903	To: 1930	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

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Form 93
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 16th DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska, March 30, 1938 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Rolf Foosness — Position, Depot Keeper, Retired

Legal residence, ore
7514 1st Avenue N. E.
Seattle, Washington — Station,

Salary, $1,692.79 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of

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

Remarks:

Retired employee died on March 25, 1938

appr 27 yrs of service

File sent to archives 4/21/38

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Dwight A. Chase, Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON May 2, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, for information. The next of kin of Mr. Rolf Foosness, deceased, is Miss Martha Foosness, 7514 First Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington, a daughter.

For the Commissioner:

R J Jones
Chief of Personnel Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
Lighthouse Service

Depot Keeper,
Ketchikan, Alaska,
Re quarters, etc.

Office of Inspector, 16th District
Ketchikan, Alaska

August 28, 1912.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Referring to the Bureau's telegram of August 27, 1912, and the enclosed recommendation (Form 73), for the transfer and promotion of Rolf Foosness, Keeper of Tree Point Light Station, Alaska, to the position of Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska, --

I have to state that Mr. Foosness called at this office a few days ago, and when informed of the contemplated promotion, stated that he would accept the position if quarters were furnished for himself and family; that he had inspected the building intended to be used as such, and found it totally unfit for habitation. Upon examination such was found to be the case.

As this property is leased from year to year, although it may eventually be purchased for depot purposes, it is not thought to be advisable to make extensive alterations or repairs, virtually erecting a new building, and it is therefore recommended that commutation of quarters to the amount of $20.00 per month be allowed the Depot Keeper until such time as suitable quarters can be erected on Government property. It is also recommended that the Depot Keeper be granted the allowances issued to keepers of light stations, except that of rations.

The Inspector being out of reach of communication, and in all probability will be so for several weeks, these recommendations are made to cover an exigency that has arisen since the last communication with him, and it is believed they will meet with his approval.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

(Signed) MILO HOADLEY

Superintendent.

9-14-12 Telegr to 16th
" Letter to 16th

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT.

Ketchikan, Alaska, August 28, 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP. 6 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Transfer and promotion

Name, Rolf Foosness Legal residence, Alaska

Position, Depot Keeper Salary, $1,200.00 per annum

Location, Ketchikan, Alaska

Effective September 10, 1912 on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $1,000.00 per annum

Location, Tree Point Light Station, Alaska

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

Other eligibles considered, - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Letters of declination inclosed, - - - - - - - - - - -

Previous incumbent, Jesse T. Moran Services terminated, August 15, 1912

Reason, Probationary appointment not confirmed

Remarks: To be paid from Appropriation "Salaries Lighthouse Service"
This transfer has not been requested by this employe, but is agreeable to him

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

Hoadley

Superintendent.

~~Telegraphic reply requested~~

Department of Commerce and Labor

1 inclosure. BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES September 9, 1912.

WASHINGTON

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved. The Department has authorized the assignment of this man to duty on the 10th instant. It is recommended that commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month be allowed in this case owing to the uninhabitable condition of the present building. Inclosed is a letter of the 28th ultimo from the Inspector which is concurred in by this office, and approval thereof is requested. Department letter of appointment of the third instant will be returned to the Department for amendment on its face, if the above recommendation is approved by the Department.

C

Acting Commissioner

INSTRUCTIONS.

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

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

September 3, 1912.

Mr. Rolf Foosness,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 4 1912

Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Twelve Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from Keeper at $1000 per annum.)

In accordance with Civil Service Certificate No. 13693.

Commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property is authorized.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

E.O.D. Sept 17, 1912

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Jesse T. Moran.

Legal Residence: Oregon.

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Rolf Foosness,
commutation of quarters. September 14, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Referring to your letter of the 28th ultimo, re the transfer and promotion of Rolf Foosness, Keeper of Tree Point Light Station, Alaska, to the position of Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska.

The Department has approved the Bureau's recommendation that the Depot Keeper at Ketchikan and Tonka, Alaska, be allowed commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property. In this connection, attention is invited to Bureau telegram to you of this date, requesting the return of Foosness' appointment certificate for amendment.

Your recommendation that the Depot Keeper be granted the allowances issued to keepers of light stations, except that of rations, is approved.

C

Acting Commissioner.

W.P.H.
Mac

McC.

September 26, 1912.

Subject: Amendment appointment certificate Rolf Foosness.

Forwarded to Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

It is requested that, in effect, the following note be added to the appointment certificate of Rolf Foosness, attention being invited to Department letter of the 12th instant:

"Commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property is authorized."

Inasmuch as the lease on the warehouse at Tonka, Alaska, has expired and will not be renewed, and that new quarters for the depot have been leased in Ketchikan, Alaska, it is recommended that the title of the position be amended on the certificate to read, "Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska."

Recommendation for discontinuance of position of watchman at Tonka is submitted in separate communication.

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

WASHINGTON

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 4 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Dep Commr.
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Mar. Engr.
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Chf. Clk.
Commr.

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October 1, 1912.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's request of the 26th instant, the Department has amended its order appointing Rolf Foosness as Depot Keeper at Ketchikan and Tonka, Alaska, by changing the title to read "Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska" and by adding the following statement:

> "Commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property is authorized."

The notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Foosness under date of the 3rd instant has been amended accordingly, and is returned herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

W. Moorhead J

10/4/12 Amended appointment sent forward to 16th

Enclosure 3953.
D-Re

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

June 13, 1911.

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

1. Name Rolf Foosness 2. Age 51 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $1000. 6. Where employed Tree Point Light-Station

7. When appointed (*a*) Apr. 8,1908 8. How appointed (*b*) By Transfer from Lincoln Rock Light-Station.

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

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes (Sailor)

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

12. Other Government service Entered Lighthouse Service Nov. 5, 1903. Enlisted in U. S. Navy April 19, 1883. Discharged Sept. 17, 1886.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of the light-station and responsible for its efficiency, cleanliness, and good order. To see light kept burning brightly from sunset to sunrise and the fog-signal sounded during thick weather.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes If so, state them He is an excellent seaman and understands motor boats and oil engines.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 ~~10~~	800
Average percentage			100

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
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17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) His duties are largely routine, but he manifests interest in all work connected with the station.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fairly well paid by comparison.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (*e*) Has proved himself an excellent keeper.

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

E. W. Tillman

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

E. W. Tillman

Commander, U. S. Navy

INSPECTOR, 16th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT

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Chief of Bureau or Office.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 14 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment 2. Where employed Tree Point Light Station
3. Name Foosness, Rolf 4. Where born Norway
5. Age 49 6. Position Keeper
7. Compensation $1000.00 p.a. 8. When appointed (*a*) November 5, 1903.
9. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from State Oregon; Congressional District Second; County Multnomah
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) Keeper
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (*d*) 10-10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (*g*)

Chas. F. Pond
Inspector, 13th Light-House District. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 4 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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

cop dept ltr Jan 4

December 27, 1916.

CAUTION.

Mr. R.Foosness,
Depot Keeper,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

It has come to the notice of the Inspector that on repeated occasions you have violated the regulations prohibiting smoking in the depot.

You are cautioned that such infringements of the regulations will not be permitted.

W. C. Dibrell

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
Jan 4, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

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Medical Expenses
Rolf Foosness

8-2-17 Form CA 1 Report of Injury to U.S. Emplo Compens Corr

July 6th 1917

U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission.
Thru The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

There is forwarded herewith a bill for professional services rendered Rolf Foosness, Depot Keeper Lighthouse Service, injured in line of duty.

Report of Injury, Form CA 1-B, is forwarded herewith, although this employee was not absent from duty by reason of this injury. Owing to the status of his occupation, this employee was not entitled to the benefits of medical treatment by the Public Health Service, and therefore engaged a private physician.

The charges for professional services rendered are reasonable and not in excess of current rates for this locality, and this bill is referred to the ~~Department~~ Commission recommended for payment under the new Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

W. C. Dilworth

Lighthouse Inspector.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT SEP 27 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Sept. 17, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Request has been made by Rolf Foosness, Depot Keeper at Ketchikan, that his present commutations in lieu of quarters be increased to cover water and lights. The commutation now allowed is $20.00 per month, which is about equivalent to rental on living quarters. He is also furnished coal for his quarters. His salary is $1200 plus 5%.

It is believed that the Depot Keeper is somewhat at a disadvantage in regard to compensation, as compared with the best paid lightkeepers of the district, who receive $1080 plus ten percent and quarters, light, heat and water; also rations. The Depot Keeper receives no rations and his present commutation is not sufficient to cover water and lights, which in Ketchikan averages about $5.00 per month for an ordinary dwelling.

It is accordingly recommended that the commutation in lieu of quarters of the Depot Keeper at Ketchikan be increased from $20.00 to $25.00.

Lighthouse Inspector.

McC-T

Bureau of Lighthouses,
October 3, 1917

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector, Ketchikan, Alaska, not favorably considered.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
FEB 19 1918
HOUSES

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

February 8, 1918

Medical Expense
Rolf Foosness-6015

U.S.Employees' Compensation Commission
Union Trust Bldg.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
(Thru The Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Reference letter from this office dated July 6th 1917 forwarding bill for professional services rendered Rolf Foosness, depot keeper, lighthouse depot, Ketchikan, Alaska, injured May 16, 1917, Your File No.6015.

There is forwarded herewith attached a letter from the local physician attending this case calling attention to the non-payment of this account, and it is requested that this claim be given consideration at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,
W. C. Dierrie
Lighthouse Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
Feb. 20, 1918.

Forwarded.

Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT
LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 23 1926
KETCHIKAN

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

Ketchikan, Alaska
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 23rd, 1926

To the Superintendent, 16th L.H. Dist.
Ketchikan, Alaska.

In a letter, recently received from the Bureau, it is stated that the salary of the depot keeper is to be graduated from $2100.00 to $2700.00 per annum. As my salary at present is $2220.00 I presume that I am now in the grade next above the lowest.

Considering my length of service it seems that I might reasonably expect to be advanced in grades which I hope and believe you will recommend.

Respectfully,

R. Fosmoe, D. Kpr.

WCD:ES

Office of Supt., 16th District,
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Sept. 24, 1926.

Forwarded to the Bureau with recommendation that such adjustment in salary be made as funds will permit.

W. C. Dale
Superintendent.

RG-EK

October 11, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Ketchikan, Alaska:

In reference to your indorsement of September 24 regarding an adjustment in the compensation of Depot Keeper Rolf Foosness:

The Department rules provide that adjustments of this kind shall be effected semi-annually in January or July, and if the appropriation will permit any adjustments during those periods, the Bureau will give consideration to this case.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 JAN 22 AM 9·25

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

January 14, 1930

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Finance
Law & Prop
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist
Dep. Commr
Commission

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Compulsory retirement, Rolf Foosness.

1. Referring to Bureau indorsement dated December 26, 1929, File R.L.C:E.M.F., on letter from this office dated November 26, 1929, following is corrected computation of retired pay of Rolf Foosness, Depot Keeper, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot, in accordance with provisions of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law of June 20, 1918, as amended by Act of November 4, 1918, on the date on which he arrives at the age of seventy years, viz: February 21, 1930.

2. The following is a detailed statement of Mr. Foosness' Government Service:

	Years	Months	Days
Seaman, Navy Department, enlisted at Brooklyn Navy Yard, Apr. 19, 1883, Honorably discharged on Sept., 17, 1886, at Norfolk Navy Yard.	3	4	29
Asst. Keeper, 13th (17th) Lighthouse District from Nov. 5, 1903 to May 10, 1904, Inclusive.	0	6	6
Asst. Keeper, 13 (17th) Lighthouse Dist. Lincoln Rock Lightstation, From May 11, 1904, to Apr. 7, 1908, Incl.	3	10	28
Asst. Keeper, 17th Lighthouse District Tree Pt. Lightstation, from Apr. 8, 1908, to Oct. 16, 1912, Incl.	4	6	9
Depot Keeper, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot, from Oct. 17, 1912, to Feb. 20, 1930, Incl.	17	4	4
Total period of actual service	29	8	16

3. The following is a detailed statement of pay which will have been received by this employee during the last five years of actual service:

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Compulsory retirement, Rolf Foosness

Depot Keeper, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot, from Feb. 21, 1925, to June 30, ~~1930~~ 1928, Incl, at $2,220.00 p.a. — $7,461.67

Depot Keeper, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot, from July 1, 1928, to Feb. 20, 1930, Incl at $2,400.00 p.a. — 3,933.33

11,395.00

Computation of Retired Pay.

5)11,395.00

2,279.00 - average pay for last five years of actual service, $2,279.00, divided by 40 equals $56,975, which multiplied by 29-256/360 years, total period of actual service, equals $1,692.79, or rate of retired pay per annum.

4. The Bureau's attention is invited to the fact that when Mr. Foosness was first appointed Depot Keeper, in 1912, he was allowed, in addition to his salary, commutation in lieu of quarters ($20.00 per month) and "the allowances issued to keepers of lightstations except that of rations". (Bureau letter of Sept. 14, 1912). A number of adjustments have been made in his compensation since that time, and this office is in doubt as to whether or not the $20.00 per month for quarters has been merged into his base pay of $2400.00 per annum. He is still without quarters furnished by the Government, but fuel and small household supplies are furnished in kind. Should the Bureau consider that the $20.00 per month above referred to should not be included, the computation as to retired pay due Mr. Foosness should be revised accordingly.

W. T. Chance

Superintendent

OK WHH

In his first rec 16th gave wrong date of birth + case was returned for correction + recomputation - Appears OK now + rec OK to Dept with statement that $2400 is considered properly the base pay (See TP 4 above)

RCC

1/24

Let. of Jan. 14 from 16th re compulsory retirement of Rolf Foosness.

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 27, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending the retirement of Depot Keeper Rolf Foosness as proposed by the Superintendent. In reference to paragraph four above, it appears that $2400 per annum is properly the base pay of this position, and it is recommended that his retirement be approved accordingly.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, **16th** DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska, March 30, 1938, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is ~~Transmitted the resignation~~ **Notice of death** of the following-named employee:

Name, **Rolf Foosness**

Position, **Depot Keeper, Retired**

Legal residence,
7514 1st Avenue N. E.
Seattle, Washington

Station,

Salary, **$1,692.79** per **annum**

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of

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

Remarks:

Retired employee died on March 25, 1938

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Dwight A. Chase, Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, **for information. The next of kin of Mr. Rolf Foosness, deceased, is Miss Martha Foosness, 7514 First Avenue Northeast, Seattle, Washington, a daughter.**

For the Commissioner:

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Rolf Loosness (Name)

Oregon (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
1st CK	Prob.	800	SH. Lincoln Rock LS. Alaska	Nov. 5, 1903
Keeper	Prom	1000	" "	May 15, 1904
"	Transfer	1000	" Tree Point LS "	April 8, 1908
Depot Keeper	"	1200	" Ketchikan + Tonka Alaska	Sept 17, 1912
See also appt in C & G S as Tide Observer at $15 per mo. Oct 10, 1918				
DL Sept 13, 1918		$20 p mo. — Oct Jan 31, 1925 — Oct 26, 1921 a eod		
Depot Keeper	Incr.	1440	SH - Ketchikan	Nov. 1, 1918
"	"	1500	" "	May 3, 1919
"	Read of Pay	1680	" "	July 1, 1920
"	"	1920	" "	July 1, 1924
"	"	2220	" "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928	2400	" "	JUL 1 1928
	Retired — Close Feb. 20, 1930.			
			#1,692.79 Pa.	

February 5, 1930.

Mr. Rolf Foosness,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Sixteenth District), with retired pay at the rate of $1,692.79 per annum, to take effect at the close of business on February 20, 1930.

FEB 7 1930

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.



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Compulsory retirement, Rolf Foosness

1/14/30

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Depot Keeper, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot, from Feb. 21, 1925, to June 30, ~~1930~~ 1928 (Reg. Yeo.), Incl, at $2,220.00 p.a. $7,461.67

Depot Keeper, Ketchikan Lighthouse Depot, from July 1, 1928, to Feb. 20, 1930, Incl at $2,400.00 p.a. ← Eff. close of 2/ 3,933.33

11,395.00

Compulsory at 70 yrs - with Annuity

Computation of Retired Pay.

5)11,395.00

2,279.00 - average pay for last five years of actual service, $2,279.00, divided by 40 equals $56,975, which multiplied by 29-256/360 years, total period of actual service, equals $1,692.79, or rate of retired pay per annum. Retired Pay - Bu.

4. The Bureau's attention is invited to the fact that when Mr. Foosness was first appointed Depot Keeper, in 1912, he was allowed, in addition to his salary, commutation in lieu of quarters ($20.00 per month) and "the allowances issued to keepers of lightstations except that of rations". (Bureau letter of Sept. 14, 1912). A number of adjustments have been made in his compensation since that time, and this office is in doubt as to whether or not the $20.00 per month for quarters has been merged into his base pay of $2400.00 per annum. He is still without quarters furnished by the Government, but fuel and small household supplies are furnished in kind. Should the Bureau consider that the $20.00 per month above referred to should not be included, the computation as to retired pay due Mr. Foosness should be revised accordingly.

Superintendent

1-28-30

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 27, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending the retirement of Depot Keeper Rolf Foosness as proposed by the Superintendent. In reference to paragraph four above, it appears that $2400 per annum is properly the base pay of this position, and it is recommended that his retirement be approved accordingly.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Action K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 5 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS THE SUPERINTENDENT
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

AND REFER TO No. 12-GM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK

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September 12, 1918.

The Secretary of Commerce:

1918 SEP 12 PM 4 27

I recommend the appointment of R. Foosness as tide observer in the Coast and Geodetic Survey at Ketchikan, Alaska, at a salary of $15 per month, payable from the appropriation, "Party Expenses, Tides, etc.," in conformity with the Sundry Civil Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1919, which permits the payment of extra compensation at not to exceed $1.00 per day for each station to employees of the Lighthouse Service while observing tides or currents.

Mr. Foosness' appointment is recommended by the Chief of the Coast and Geodetic Survey party in Alaska, who has been charged with the establishing of this gauge in lieu of the gauge formerly maintained at Craig, Alaska, and his selection was made by that officer in cooperation with the Superintendent of Lighthouses of the 16th District, with headquarters at Ketchikan, Alaska.

I am informed by the Bureau of Lighthouses that Mr. Rolf Foosness is employed as a depot keeper at Ketchikan, Alaska, at a salary of $1200 per annum.

R. L. Faris
Acting Superintendent.

Approved:
1918 SEP 13 AM 11 09

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 4 1917
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

CHIEF CLERK
JAN 5 1917

APPOINTMENTS
JAN 5 1917

December 27, 1916.

CAUTION.

Mr. R.Foosness,
Depot Keeper,
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA.

It has come to the notice of the Inspector that on repeated occasions you have violated the regulations prohibiting smoking in the depot.

You are cautioned that such infringements of the regulations will not be permitted.

W. C. Dibrell

Lighthouse Inspector.

File
Clerk

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
January 4, 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner.

October 1, 1912.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's request of the 26th instant, the Department has amended its order appointing Rolf Foosness as Depot Keeper at Ketchikan and Tonka, Alaska, by changing the title to read "Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska" and by adding the following statement:

> "Commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property is authorized."

The notice of appointment addressed to Mr. Foosness under date of the 3rd instant has been amended accordingly, and is returned herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) R. M. PINDELL, JR.

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Enclosure 3953.

Per Depot

T E L E G R A M.

Ketchikan, Alaska,

September 19, 1912.

Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D. C.

Foosness reported for duty Depot Keeper September 17. See letter this office September 16.

Hoadley.

Received over phone Sept. 20, 1912, 9:30, Purdy/FCR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Foosness, Rolf, Keeper
transfer to position
Depot Keeper, Ketchikan

Dep. Commr.
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

September 16, 1912



The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Replying to your telegram September 14, 1912,---

Appointment of Rolf Foosness to position of Depot Keeper is returned herewith, both copies.

Mr. Foosness was unable to report at Ketchikan on September 10 and has been unable to report up to the present time. Word was sent to him at Tree Point Light Station and he will in all probability report as soon as he can get transportation.

It is noted that the appointment returned herewith gives the title of the position as Depot Keeper at Ketchikan and Tonka, Alaska, but the depot at Tonka has been discontinued and all stores are now at Ketchikan, Alaska.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector

Milo Hoadley
Superintendent

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

September 26, 1912.

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP 30 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR
CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO SEP 30 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR
APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED SEP 30 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Subject: Amendment appointment certificate Rolf Foosness.

Forwarded to Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

It is requested that, in effect, the following note be added to the appointment certificate of Rolf Foosness, attention being invited to Department letter of the 12th instant:

"Commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property is authorized."

Inasmuch as the lease on the warehouse at Tonka, Alaska, has expired and will not be renewed, and that new quarters for the depot have been leased in Ketchikan, Alaska, it is recommended that the title of the position be amended on the certificate to read, "Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska."

Recommendation for discontinuance of position of watchman at Tonka is submitted in separate communication.

F. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

9-30-12

Amended Sept. 30/1912

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

September 3, 1912.

Mr. Rolf Foosness,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Depot Keeper at Ketchikan, Alaska,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Twelve Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from Keeper at $1000 per annum.)

In accordance with Civil Service Certificate No. 13693.

Commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month until such time as suitable quarters are erected on Government property is authorized.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED SEP 2 1912 TO DISBURSING OFFICER DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Jesse T. Moran.

Legal Residence: Oregon.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 16th DISTRICT,

Ketchikan, Alaska, August 28, 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES SEP 6 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED SEP 10 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR 3-55 G

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer and promotion

Name, Rolf Foosness Legal residence, Alaska

Position, Depot Keeper Salary, $1,200.00 per annum

Location, Ketchikan, Alaska

Effective September 10, 1912 on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $1,000.00 per annum

Location, Tree Point Light Station, Alaska

Trans made D.2. 9/3/12

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

Other eligibles considered, - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Letters of declination inclosed, - - - - - - - - - - -

Previous incumbent, Jesse T. Moran Services terminated, August 15, 1912

Reason, Probationary appointment not confirmed

Remarks: To be paid from Appropriation "Salaries Lighthouse Service"
This transfer has not been requested by this employe, but is agreeable to him

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector
Milo Hoadley
Superintendent.

Telegraphic reply requested

1 inclosure.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1912.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved. The Department has authorized the assignment of this man to duty on the 10th instant. It is recommended that commutation of quarters in the amount of $20 per month be allowed in this case owing to the uninhabitable condition of the present building. Inclosed is a letter of the 28th ultimo from the Inspector which is concurred in by this office, and approval thereof is requested. Department letter of appointment of the third instant will be returned to the Department for amendment on its face, if the above recommendation is approved by the Department.

9-10-12

S Conway
Acting Commissioner

MH-E

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 16TH DISTRICT
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Depot Keeper,
Ketchikan, Alaska
Re quarters, etc.

vc OK MEG/6

August 28, 1912.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
SEP. 6 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Referring to the Bureau's telegram of August 27, 1912, and the enclosed recommendation (Form 73), for the transfer and promotion of Rolf Foosness, Keeper of Tree Point Light Station, Alaska, to the position of Depot Keeper, Ketchikan, Alaska,---

I have to state that Mr. Foosness called at this office a few days ago, and when informed of the contemplated promotion, stated that he would accept the position if quarters were furnished for himself and family; that he had inspected the building intended to be used as such, and found it totally unfit for habitation. Upon examination such was found to be the case.

As this property is leased from year to year, although it may eventually be purchased for depot purposes, it is not thought to be advisable to make extensive alterations or repairs, virtually erecting a new building, and it is therefore recommended that commutation of quarters to the amount of $20.00 per month be allowed the Depot Keeper until such time as suitable quarters can be erected on Government property. It is also recommended that the Depot Keeper be granted the allowances issued to keepers of light stations, except that of rations.

9/10/12 Telegr Letter to 16th

Commissioner--2-- 3/28/1912

Depot Keeper--quarters, etc.

The Inspector being out of reach of communication, and in all probability will be so for several weeks, these recommendations are made to cover an exigency that has arisen since the last communication with him, and it is belived they will meet with his approval.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Milo Hoadley

Superintendent.

August 27, 1912.

Gentlemen:

The Commission is requested to approve the transfer of Rolf Foosness from the position of keeper of Tree Point Light Station, Alaska, with pay at the rate of $1,000 per annum, to the position of depot keeper, Ketchikan and Tonka, Alaska, at $1200 per annum, in place of Jesse T. Moran, whose services were discontinued August 15, 1912.

Mr. Foosness was appointed November 5, 1903, as first assistant keeper of Lincoln Rock Light Station, Alaska, and was promoted to keeper of Tree Point Light Station April 8, 1908. Prior to entering the Lighthouse Service he served about 3½ years in the United States Navy, more than 2 years as customs inspector, his record in the Lighthouse Service has been excellent throughout, and he is recommended by the Bureau of Lighthouses as the best available man for the position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. M. PINDELL, JR.

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Civil Service Commission.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

June 13, 1911.

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

1. Name Rolf Foosness 2. Age 51 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $1000. 6. Where employed Tree Point Light-Station

7. When appointed (*a*) Apr. 8,1908 8. How appointed (*b*) By Transfer from Lincoln Rock Light-Station.

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

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? Yes (Sailor)

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

12. Other Government service Entered Lighthouse Service Nov. 5, 1903. Enlisted in U. S. Navy April 19, 1883. Discharged Sept. 17, 1886.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of the light-station and responsible for its efficiency, cleanliness, and good order. To see light kept burning brightly from sunset to sunrise and the fog-signal sounded during thick weather.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes If so, state them He is an excellent seaman and understands motor boats and oil engines.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		~~2~~	
Total		8 ~~10~~	800
Average percentage			100

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUL 6- 1911 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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