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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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
Fuller, Osbrone, P.		

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.)

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (TX)	1918	1918
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0006888552

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Submitted to archival search Soundex 460 1/27/26

SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge cards and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

Osborne P. Fuller

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Texas

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper (Temp.) Red Fish Bar Out L. Sta. Sea.	516. pa	L.H.	June 25/18
Last day service - Sept 20/18.			
		INACTIVE	

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Form 73 JAM-RSW

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., July 5, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days (from date of certification of eligibles for permanent appointment in position of keeper.

Name, OsborneP. Fuller — Legal residence, Texas.

Position, ~~Additional~~ keeper in the Lighthouse-Service — Salary, $516 p.a. with rations.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Tex. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 28, 1918. (the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or date of the order to enter on duty~~.)

Former position, New position. — Former salary, - -

Location, - -

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

- - - - -

Previous incumbent, Leon R. Smith — Services terminated, June 8, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, Brother, Corporal in U. S. Army in France.

Remarks: This nomination is made to fill the lowest rated position at this station, in accordance with Department letter of June 5, 1918. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Due to the emergency existing at this station, caused by the resignation of both keepers at the close of June 8, 1918, Mr. Fuller was assigned to duty on June 28, 1918.

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

In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent.

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Chief Clerk.

TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 20 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 22 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. B. Praderick 1918 JUL 22 PM 59

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

July 26, 1918.

Mr. Edwin P. Miller,
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 One Hundred and Eleven dollars per month

effective June 30, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leon L. Smith.

Legal Residence: Maine.

JUL 23 1918

Form 333 OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 3345, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Osborn P. Fuller

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.

Osborn Prentiss Fuller

(Appointee must write here)

Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[2] 6th day of August, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[3](Name) J. B. Armistead

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st 1919.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Keeper in the Light-house Service	$816 P. A.	Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Texas.

Present

Former[4] New position. Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles for permanent appointment

NEW

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

Office of Lighthouse Superintendent 8th District

New Orleans, La. (Address) August 6, 1918. (Date)

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

(Signature, followed by) Supervising Agent of Lighthouses

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. Osborne . Prentiss . Fuller .

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

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE. | Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station | 8th

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

4. Position to which appointed: Additional keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation: $516 per annum and ration allowance.

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

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

Without examination.

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

Galveston (City or town.) | Texas (State or Territory.) | Galveston (County.) | 7th (Congressional district.)

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

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

11. Where were you born? Nashville . Tenn .

12. When were you born? March (Month.) 20th (Day.) 1873. (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single .

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

Mrs . M . C . Fuller . (Name.) 215 . E . Capital Ave (Number and street.)

Little Rock (City or town.) Ark . (State or Territory.)

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Felix Vemovel Fuller.	Birmingham Ala	Position Soldier Coporel Department or office	Brother	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

No Yes, but all right with glasses.

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No	No	None	None.

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

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service None

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No.	None.	None	None.

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

Orderly in John Sealy Hospital.

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

Fourth Grade Public School at Nashville Tenn.

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

None

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

None

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

Yes

Date, July 13th, 1918.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Osborne Prentiss Fuller

P. O. Address: Galveston
City or town.

619 H.
Number and street.

Texas.
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 8, 1918.

(Signature) A R Dorry

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

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

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APPOINTMENTS CHIEF CLERK

Name of employee Osborne P. Fuller.

Designation Addl. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. *Compensation* $516 p.a.

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Place of employment Red Fish Bar Cut L.S. and Galveston Bay Chan.Lt.No.2, Texas.

Date of appointment: July 22,1918, effective June 28, 1918, for a period not to exceed 30 days, from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Last day served September 20, 1918.

Copy furnished Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District
Room 210,Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La.

(Signed) R. R. Dorry

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Official title)

BOARDED

DIVISION OF EXAMINATIONS OCT 2 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.

Date September 27, 1918.

Lighthouse Service.

(Bureau or service.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON July 11, 1918.

Subject: 8th Supt.'s nom, form 73, Osborn P. Fuller, kpr. Red Fish Bar Cut L.S., assigned to duty June 28, 1918.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for statement of the emergency necessitating the assignment of Fuller to duty on June 28, 1918. In this connection your attention is invited to Bureau circular 313 of April 12, 1917. Be guided accordingly.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR JUL 15 1918 New Orleans, La.

LIGHT JUL 18 1918 HOUSES

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Commr.

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Acting Commissioner

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District,
New Orleans, La., July 15, 1918.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the required information having been added to the remarks on the nomination.

Superintendent.