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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
Gaskins, Robert, M.		1890 NC

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: 1935 NC

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (NC/SC)	From: 1922	To: 1935
(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

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Final Return:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Robert M. Lackins (Name) — N.C. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

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DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	$840	L.H. 6th Dist	Oct 3/24
"	Trans.	"	" Charleston L.S.S.C.	Dec 16/24
"	Red. Trans	1020	"	Feb 1/25
"	Trans	1140	" Cape Romain L.S. SC.	
	SUSTAINED CLOSE OF	June 5, 1925:		
"	Restoration to duty of Kpr by chg from Light attendant	$1500	" Lower Cape Fear " NC	May 11/26.
	To include Quarters	1560	" " " "	JUL 7 1928
Keeper	COMPENSATION ACT COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1800	L.H. Lower Cape Fear, N.C.	Mar. 13, 1930.
"		1860	" "	JUL 3 1930
		Died Aug. 16, 1935		

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Form 98

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 21 1935
1935 AUG - 21 AM 10:07
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., August 17, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins

Legal residence, ~~North~~ Fla. Carolina

Position, Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,

Station, Southport, N. C.

Salary, $1860 per annum

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of business.~~

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

Remarks:

Mr. Gaskins died August 16, 1935.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON ROSTER
SEP 21 1935
SELECT NO. 4838

H. L. Beck

H.L.Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CARDED AUG 20 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. 11—4023

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Brookhart Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 3, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 9 1930 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

From: 1800.

To: 1860.

6th Keeper.

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1930.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 13, 1930.

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, APR 1 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1800 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR - 5 1930 2629 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT

CHIEF CLERK RECD MAR 22 1930 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 22 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Charleston, S.C., March 18, 1930
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 25 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase present salary by $240 per annum in lieu of quarters.

Legal residence, North Carolina.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins,

Proposed salary, $1800 per annum ~~1560~~ ~~240~~

Position, Keeper, (unmatched Right)

Proposed range, No range for this position.

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective, March 13, 1930

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or
~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, The same.

Former salary, $1560 per annum.

Location, The same.

Former range, No range.

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

Previous incumbent, No change in incumbent.

Services terminated, will not terminate.

Reason, -

Members of family in Government service, Two. (Brother-in-law & Son-in-law.)

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: This increase in salary is recommended in lieu of quarters formerly provided by the Government, and which were destroyed by fire in the early morning of March 13/30.
~~See accompanying letter.~~

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

3/22/30

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck
H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

RG:EMF

March 21, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to the statement under remarks above. The present pay of $1560 per annum was established in consideration of the fact that the position was also provided with family quarters, the regular valuation of which is $240; and as the position is now deprived of family quarters, it is recommended that the salary be increased as indicated.

Acting K.

MAR 31 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. R. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500

To: $1560

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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CANCELED

RLC:EMF

DEC 16 1927
DIVISION

December 13, 1927.

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Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear Lights, N. C.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report submitted by the Superintendent in which it is stated that you were charged with and found guilty of possessing and drinking intoxicating liquor in July, 1925, for which you paid the cost in court. You are advised that this constitutes a most serious violation of the Regulations and you are hereby cautioned that a repetition of this offense will be considered as sufficient cause for more drastic disciplinary action.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by_____
Mailed_____ by_____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the Sixth Superintendent's recommendation of November 26, 1927, forwarded by the Bureau's indorsement of December 2, 1927, that Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper at $1500 per annum at Lower Cape Fear Lights, North Carolina, be cautioned by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that he be warned that a repetition of the offense of drinking intoxicating liquor will be cause for drastic disciplinary action. It is noted that the Department will be furnished with a copy of the Bureau's letter of caution.

By direction of the Secretary:

DEC - 9 1927

S. W. CROSTHWAIT

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HLB:EAW

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

November 26, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Keeper R. M. Gaskins - counter charges against.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of two letters dated Oct. 15/27 of R. M. Gaskins to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to paragraph 5 of my letter of Oct. 13, 1927 to the Commissioner on the subject of Sullivan B. Fisher, Asst. Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, etc., recommending dismissal of Sullivan B. Fisher, in which it was stated that investigation would be made and report submitted to the Bureau, relative counter charges made by Sullivan B. Fisher against R. M. Gaskins:

I have to report that a copy of Sullivan B. Fisher's counter charges was submitted to Mr. Gaskins and in reply he wrote two letters both dated Oct. 15, 1927, copies of which are enclosed.

2. On Nov. 3, 1927, I made an inspection of Bald Head L.H. and other aids to navigation in that locality, and took occasion to investigate Fisher's counter charges against Mr. Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins freely admitted that in July, 1925, a little over a month after he was sent to Cape Fear from Charleston, he was found guilty of possessing liquor and paid the cost in court. He acknowledged that he was intoxicated. This occurred in the town of Southport and not on the Lighthouse Reservation. In view of Mr. Gaskins' admission of this I did not question anybody in Southport merely because of the time that would be lost in going there and making further investigation. Other investigation was not considered necessary as it could only have proven what Gaskins had already admitted. I did question Mr. C. N. Swan, Keeper, Mr. D. F. Jennette, 1st Asst. and Mr. J. E. Smith, 2nd Asst. at Cape Fear L.H., as to what they knew about the matter. Mr. Swan knew nothing except from hearsay and it corresponded with what Mr. Gaskins had admitted. Mr. Jennette and Mr. Smith are both frequent visitors at Bald Head L.H., and they both stated that they had never seen Mr. Gaskins drink intoxicating liquor or under its influence while on the reservation. Mr. Jennette stated that he had seen Mr. Gaskins take a drink in Southport. I was informed by one person that Mr. Gaskins would not tell a lie about anything, and I am inclined to think that statement is true. He seems to admit the truth no matter how much it may injure him. He told me that he had never had intoxicating liquor on the L.H. Reservation except on the one occasion when he took it there for the use of his wife when she was ill of influenza, and to the best of his recollection a doctor in Southport advised him to obtain the liquor for her if he could. Gaskins said he supposed the best thing for him to do was never to take another drink, and I informed that that was certainly true. He promised that he would not drink any more. He is an exceptionally good keeper. He has been recommended for meritorious acts on several occasions. I believe it is true that he is responsible for having informed the authorities that liquor was being manufactured in the vicinity of Bald Head L.H., and that he did this in an effort to have this breaking of the law stopped.

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3. I have delayed submitting a report and recommendation for some time on this case because of having been undecided as to what recommendation should be made. In view of the time that has elapsed since the offense was committed, and that Mr. Gaskins' record is otherwise exceptionally good, I am now disposed to recommend, and do recommend that a letter of caution be addressed to him by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that he be warned that a repetition of the offense of drinking intoxicating liquor will be cause for drastic disciplinary action.

Robert M. Gaskins, Kpr, Lower Cape Fear LS. 6th L.H. Dist. 1500pm.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., December 2, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending paragraph three for approval, copy of Bureau letter of caution to be furnished the Department. In connection with this matter, attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of October 17 on the Superintendent's letter of October 13, recommending the dismissal of Assistant Keeper Sullivan B. Fisher, which was approved by Department letter of October 26.

12-3-27

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 8 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN

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Bald Head L.H.
Oct. 15th, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S. C.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Reference: Your letter Oct. 13th.

Sir:

July 22, 1925, not 1926, a little over a month after you sent me here from Charleston I submitted to the charge of possessing liquor and paid the cost of the court. Mr. Fisher has always known this and has tried to use it to his advantage in doing as he pleased on this job. February last when I threatened to report him for not being on time, he told me that he would make me sweat if I ever reported him, and asked me to go ahead and report him, that he had me where he wanted me. This fact did not deter me however, and after repeatedly warning him without any effect I took the matter to your office.

I have never been proud of the fact that I got drunk, in fact I was ashamed of it after I realized what I had done, and since that time I have been straight and tried to be right in every way. When I came here there was whiskey being made here and I was instrumental in breaking it up. I took Mr. Fisher and my ax on one occasion and went in the woods and wrecked the site of a still.

The time he has reference to in regards to liquor on the launch was when my wife nearly died with influenza. I went to Southport and got some for her.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gasking,
Keeper.

COPY-RAW

Bald Head L.H.,
Oct. 15th, 1927.

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 NOV 28 AM 9 12

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

I realize the fact that I should not make my letters personal to you, but in this case I feel justified, I have some information to divulge that I would rather leave to your judgment as to making it official.

The whiskey mentioned in my letter to your office on this date was obtained from Fishers Bro-in-law Cliff Boyd, the man that was asst. kpr at Cape Fear Sta. His other Bro-in-law, John Varnum, brought the material i.e. the boiler for the still, and the barrels to put the liquor in and landed it right at Fisher's door, Fisher has never made any report of this. They were all colleagued together when I came here, and I broke them up and got them away. This does not appeal to the Boyd and Varnum family and since Fisher has reported me they are all waiting for the execution with hair on end.

If you find it necessary to dismiss me from the service for anything that you find that I have done in my letter to you please delay the matter till after U.S. Court is held in Wilmington, I think in Nov. (will let you know definitely later) in which Mr. Boyd is indicted and some more of his gang.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins,
Kpr.

P.S. When court convenes I think you will find that I have been working in the interest of the office as well as the Govt. and myself. Please send me a card of some kind so I will know you recd this.

(COPY)

RG-MK

FEB 26 1927
DIVISION

February 26, 1927.

Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lights, North Carolina,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

Your report of January 27, 1927, has been submitted to me and I have been much impressed in reading of your action at 3:30 o'clock in the morning of January 27 in rescuing the crew of the Cape Fear Coast Guard launch. I particularly note that a violent gale was blowing at the time and that you could not have been successful in this rescue without expert seamanship and personal bravery. It gives me great pleasure to commend you for this action and have the matter noted as a part of your official history in the Department.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

LIGHTHOUSES---Secretary's files.
Extra copy not signed by
Mailed ---------- by ----------

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

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PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office U. S. L. House Service 6th Dest

1. Name in full Robut Merritt Gaskins (Lower Cape Fear L Sta)

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~North Carolina 6th~~ ~~Southport~~ Brunswick Southport
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina Hatteras When born? May 1 - 1898
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
X Male	Female	Single	X Married	Divorced	Widowed	X White	Colored

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U. S. L. H. Service 6th Dist	Addl Keeper	$840 Pa	Oct	3	1924	~~Dec~~	~~5~~	~~1925~~
						Dec.	15	1924
	Keeper, 2d Asst.	$840	Dec.	16	1925	Jan.	31	1925
	" " "	$1020	Feb.	1	1925	Mar.	1	1925
	" " "	$1140	Mar.	2	1925	June	5	1925
	Light Attendant	$140 p.m.	June	6	1925	May	10	1926
	Keeper,	$1500 p.a.	May	11	1926	Still serving 8/6/26.		

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	X Navy	Marine Corps	X Coast Guard	X War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Apr. 16. 1917 Discharged Apr. 5 - 1919
Organization U. S. N. R. F.

Enlisted Oct-12-1920 Discharged May 21. 1923
Organization U. S. Coast Guard.

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications About 5 or 6 years General Line
Fitter.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Mrs. R. M. Gaskins (Name) Wife. (Relationship)
Southport N. C. (Post office address)

CARDED

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. Gaskins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 6th 1926 (Date) Present address Southport N. C.

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Data typed in answer to Q. 6, filled in at office from office records.

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

COPY-FAW

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 13 AM 9 00

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service.

1. Name in full Robert Merritt Gaskins.

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida (State and Congressional District) 2nd Nassau (County) Fernandina. (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina, (State or foreign country) Hatteras. (City or town) When born? May 1, 1888. (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male ✓	Female	Single	Married ✓	Divorced	Widowed	White ✓	Colored	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy ✓	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Apr. 1917 Discharged Apr. 1919 | Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

Organization ____ | Organization ____

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Steam fitter (pipe).

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Sadie Gaskins (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Charleston, S.C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ R. M. Gaskins.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct. 3rd, 1924. (Date) Present address ____

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LIGHTHOUSES
1926 AUG 13 AM 9 00

August 5, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that the records of the Department are incomplete regarding certain employees as indicated below:

Name	Required	District.
William H. Faulkingham	Oath and history sheet	Second
Robert M. Gaskins	History Sheet	Sixth
Margaret H. Duncan	Oath	Nineteenth
Clarence A. Knight	Oath	Nineteenth

It is requested that the information required be furnished without delay.

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

Aug. 7, 1926.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 6th Supt. for compliance and return so far as concerns your district.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EAW

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., August 11, 1926.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with statement that the records of this office show that Personal History Sheet of Robert M. Gaskins, together with his oath of office dated Oct. 3, 1924, was forwarded the Bureau on October 5, 1924.

A copy of Mr. Gaskins' Personal History Sheet is enclosed herewith in event the original has been misplaced in the records of the Department.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses

T. H. Gregg,
1st Asst. Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 17 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information Attention is invited to the Superintendent's statement that Personal History sheet for Gaskins has been previously furnished.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES JUN 14 AM 8 41

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 14 26 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, Robert M. Gaskins, of [illegible] 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.

☞ Robert M. Gaskins.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 9th day of June, A. D. 1926.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) C. L. Stevens

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires Jan 14 - 1928

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$1500 per an.	Lower Cape Fear River L.H., N.C.
Former [5] Light Attendant	$140 per month	" " " " " "

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT

Charleston, S. C. (Address), June 11, 1926. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 11, 1926. (Date)

CARDED

H. L. Beck
(Signature followed by title)
H.L. Beck, Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses 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.

U. S. REPORT DATE RECEIVED

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1926.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

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 One Thousand and Five Hundred dollars per annum

effective May 11, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Restoration to duty of Keeper (by change from Light Attendant).

Civil Service authority: Letter dated May 10, 1926, File JML/Fy.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 19 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

EDW. J. GARDNER,

MAY 18 1926

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE JML/Fy
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

May 10, 1926.



The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

In compliance with the Department's request of May 5, authority is hereby given for the restoration of Robert M. Gaskins to his former status as lighthouse keeper, from which he was separated, June 5, 1925, for appointment as light attendant under Schedule A, Subdivision XI, section 5.

Mr. Gaskins has retained his eligibility for such restoration by continuous service.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,



John T. Doyle,
Secretary.

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May 5, 1926.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Department requests authority for the reinstatement of Robert M. Gaskins as Keeper at $1500 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, Sixth District, effective beginning May 11, 1926, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Mr. Gaskins has had continuous service in the Lighthouse Service since October 3, 1924, having served from that date to the close of December 15, 1924, as Additional Keeper in the Sixth District; as Second Assistant Keeper at Charleston, South Carolina, from December 16, 1924, to the close of March 1, 1925, and from March 2, 1925, to June 5, 1925, as Second Assistant Keeper at Cape Romain Light House, when he resigned to take the position of Light Attendant at Lower Cape Fear River Lights.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[illegible] OF RECORD [illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division. MAY 6 1926

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., April 26, 1926.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper, Prin - (Quarters) Salary, $1500 per annum.

this Sal. with 1740 pa. which is accounted for by 240 pa for quarters for Prin Keeper.

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 11, 1926 [1] ~~the actual date of assumption of duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1680 per annum.

LOWER CAPE FEAR RIVER LIGHTS, N.C.:

Bald Head,
Bald Head Shoal Channel Front & Rear,
Smith Island Range Front & Rear,
Fort Caswell Front,
Battery Island No. 2A,
Lower Swash Channel Front & Rear,
Snow Marsh Channel Front & Rear,
Lower Midnight Channel Front & Rear,
Upper Midnight Channel Front,
Orton Cove Lower Rear,
Orton Cove Upper Front & Rear,
Lower Liliput Channel Front & Rear.
(19 Lights)

Percentage,- , Other eligibles considered:

Dept. auth. this pro. Apr. 14, 1926, will be classed as "unmatched light" with 2 keepers (Prin & Asst) with pay 1740 + 1140 Resp. (no Range) to care for 19 aids shown on attached sheet.

Services terminated,

ne. Brother-in-law.

d to perform the duties of the position.
mment. Mr. Gaskins previously served as Addnl.
5/24. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Charleston L.H.,
(2d Asst.), Cape Romain L.H., March 2/25 throug
of Lt. Attendant, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,
effective June 6/25, under Contract of Em-
ployment, and he is still serving in that
capacity.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 29 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

EAW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., April 26, 1926.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins.**

Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper,** Prin - (Quarters)

Salary, **$1500 per annum.**
this sal. auth for 1740 pa which is accounted for by 240 pa for quarters for Prin Keeper.

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **May 11, 1926**
auth eff on Dept's approval (apr 14-26)

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

Former position, Light Attendant.

Former salary, **$1680 per annum.**

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.**

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

x No record this eight under ord Light attendant. My. Gross says reason we have no record because it is under "Gen Expenses" record kept only in Bureau.

Dept. auth. this pos. Apr. 14, 1926, will be classed as "unmatched light", with 2 keepers (Prin + Asst) With pay 1740 + 1140 Resp (no Range) to care for 19 aids shown on attached sheet.

Previous incumbent, New position authorized by Dept. endorsement of Apr. 14, 1926 on Bu. letter of Apr. 7, 1926. Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, One. Brother-in-law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: Mr. Gaskins is physically qualified to perform the duties of the position. Quarters are provided by the Government. Mr. Gaskins previously served as Addnl. Keeper, 6th Dist., from Oct. 3/24 through Dec. 15/24. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Charleston L.H., from Dec. 16/24 through March 1/25. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Cape Romain L.H., March 2/25 through June 5/25, when he resigned to take position of Lt. Attendant, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, effective June 6/25, under Contract of Employment, and he is still serving in that capacity.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 29 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1925.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

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 June 5, 1925.

Bureau.....Lighthouses

Position.....Keeper (2nd Assistant)

Allocation.....

Salary.....$1140 per annum

Station.....Cape Romain Light Station, S. C.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUN 1 01925

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 9 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JUN 5 PM 4 17

SIXTH DISTRICT

Charleston, S.C.,
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

June 4, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

I respectfully request that my resignation as 2nd Assistant Keeper ~~of~~ in the Lighthouse Service be accepted, effective June 5, 1925. I desire to resign from position of 2nd Asst. Keeper in order that I may accept employment as Light Attendant to care for lights of lower Cape Fear River, N.C.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins.

R. M. Gaskins,
2d Asst. Keeper,
Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

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LIGHTHOUSES

Form 93 EAW

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., June 4, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant),

Legal residence, Florida. Station, Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Salary, $1140 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 5, 1925.

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

Remarks: The acceptance of Mr. Gaskin's resignation is recommended as it is desired to employ him as Light Attendant to care for lights in Lower Cape Fear River, N.C., (registered position), beginning June 6, 1925.

6-6-25

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 6 - 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 9, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Robert M. Gaskins, 2d Asst. Kpr., Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.
REFERENCE: Notice of Change in Salary dated Feb. 27, 1925.

1. Mr. Robert M. Gaskins entered on duty as Keeper (2d Asst.), Cape Romain Light Station, S.C., March 3, 1925.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Corps
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 11 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSES
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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.
(Bureau)

March 4, 1925.
(Date)

1925 MAR 6 PM 5

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on April 2, ,1925.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory* during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Robert M. Gaskins

Position Keeper, 2nd Assistant

Salary $1140 per annum.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Comr.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Date of entrance on duty Oct. 3, 1924 (as Additional Keeper).

Remarks:

H.L.Beck
(Signature of immediate superior.)
H.L.Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED:

MAR 6 - 1925

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1925.

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r. Robert M. Gaskins,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1020 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective **March 1, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.**

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

By direction of the Secretary:

FEB 2 8 1925

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Acting

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 28 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C. (City.) Feb. 24, (Date.) 19 25.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 27 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant), Salary, $1140 per an. (Including commutation of rations @ 45¢ per day, payable from Gen.Exp.,L.H.Service.)

Location, Cape Romain Light Station, S.C. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 1, 1925, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) Former salary, $1020 per an. (Including commutation of rations @ 45¢ per day, payable from Gen.Exp.L.H.Service.)

Location, Charleston Light Station, S.C.

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

Previous incumbent, James E. Pinner, Services terminated, Close of Feb. 5, 1925.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, One - Brother-in-law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: The main reason for transferring Mr.Gaskins to Cape Romain Lt.Station is that he may place his daughter in school at McClellanville. Owing to the distance of the station from the school it will be necessary for his daughter to board in McClellanville. As this will be an extra expense for Mr.Gaskins he has been recommended for appointment at $1140 per an. - $60 above the minimum pay of the position. He is now receiving the minimum pay of his position at Charleston Lt.Station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACCESSION FEB 27 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 26 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

2.27.25

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[illegible]
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1020. ✓

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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FEB 5 - 1925

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Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK LIGHTHOUSES 1924 DEC 22 AM 11 47

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Sixth DISTRICT.

Charleston, S.C., Nov. 26, 1924.191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on December 16, 1924.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant)

From Keeper (Additional) 6th Dist., To Charleston Light Station, S.C.

Previous incumbent, George Graham,

Services will terminated, close of December 15,1924. Reason, Promotion.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 17, 1924.~~191x~~

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1924.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 20 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Sixth District.
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 NOV 28 AM 9 03
Charleston, S.C., Nov. 26, 1924. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on December 16, 1924.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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From Keeper (Additional) 6th Dist., To Charleston Light Station, S.C.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 29 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,

H. L. Beck
H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
NOV 28 1924

CANCELED

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

CHIEF CLERK
1924 OCT 6 AM 10
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 6 AM 9

Bureau, division, or office Light House Service

1. Name in full Robert Merritt Gaskins

2. Legal (voting) residence Fla. (State) 2nd (Congressional District) Nassau (County) Fernandina (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina (State or foreign country) Hatteras (City or town) When born? May 1st 1888 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
X Male	Female	Single	X Married	Divorced	Widowed	X White	Colored	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	X Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Apr 1917 Discharged Apr 1909
Organization

Enlisted Discharged
Organization

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Steamfitter.

CARDED

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Sadie Gaskins (Name) Wife. (Relationship)
Charleston S.C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

P. M. Gaskins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct 3rd 1924 (Date)

Present address C/o Supt. of Lighthouses, Charleston, S.C.

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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1924 OCT 6 AM 10 30
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 6 AM 9 23

I, Robert M. Gaskins,

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.

☞ Robert M. Gaskins
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] third day of October, A. D. 1924

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) P. Barron

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (Additional)	$840 per an.	Sixth Lighthouse District, Headquarters, Charleston, S.C.
Former [5] -		

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT

Charleston, S.C. (Address), October 3, 1924. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 3, 1924. (Date)

CARDED

H. L. Beck (Signature and title of officer)
H.L. Beck, Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON September 23, 1924.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 24 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Appropriation:

Vice: James W. Turner.

Legal Residence: Florida.

CARDED

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6080

Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES EAW 1924 SEP 20 AM 9 06

CHIEF CLERK 1924 SEP 22 AM 10 29

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT.

Charleston, S. C. (City.) September 15 (Date.) 1924

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins,**

Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper (Additional),** (at Large)

Salary, **$840 per annum.**

Location, **Sixth Lighthouse District, Headquarters, Charleston, S.C.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 25, 1924** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 22 1924 APPOINTMENT

Former position, -

Former salary, -

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating **Asst. Keeper,** Percentage, **85.6** , Other eligibles considered: **Oliver P.Cantey (C); Edw. H. Moessner (C). Julius J. Jeffords, 1st on eligible register, desires to be considered for Cape Canaveral Lt.Station,Fla., only. He was, therefore, not considered for this position.**

Previous incumbent, ~~Transferred.~~ James W. Turner, Services terminated, **Sept. 15, 1924.**

Reason, **Transferred, to position of 2d assistant keeper of a station.**

Members of family in Government Service, One - Brother in law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: Quarters are provided by the Government only when on detail at a station which has quarters. Detailed to various stations in 6th District as occasion requires.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Sept. 18, 1924.

L. A. Moyer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck
H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 20 1924 OFFICE COPY FREE

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

4-23-24

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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MSH

August 29, 1935.

Mr. W. S. Erwin,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Department of Commerce Beneficial Association
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. Inclosed herewith are Proofs of Claim, one each for Certificates Nos. 2835, A-2835, B-2835, covering life insurance for R. M. Gaskins, Keeper, who died August 16, 1935. These forms have been filled in as requested.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses:

W. C. Wallace,
Assistant Superintendent

RTW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
CHARLESTON, S. C.
AUG 21 PM

Lower Cape Fear River Lights,.
Southport,N.C.
August 20th.1935

Superintendent of Lighthouses,.
6th.District,.
Charleston,S.C.

Sir;-

Mr R.M.Gaskins of this Station commited Suicide by taking Internally Sixteen (16) Mercury Bichloride tablets about 4;00 P.M.August 16th.1935 And Died 6;45 P.M.in Brunswick County Hospital at Southport,N.C.August 16th.1935 Entered on Page 87,Journal of Light Station at Lower Cape Fear River Lights, Southport,N.C.

Very Respectfully.
J.E. Pinner
J.E.Pinner.
Additional Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S.C.
1935 AUG 19 AM 11

South port, N.C.
August 17, 1935.

Supt. of Lighthouses 6th Dist.
Charleston S.C.

Dear Sir;

I regret very much to hereby make letter report of the untimely death of Mr. R. W. Gaskins, keeper Lower Cape Fear Lights.

Mr Gaskins commited suicide by taking internally sixteen (16) Mercury Bichloride tablets about 4 oclock P.M. on August 16, 1935: And died 6:45 P.M. in hospital at South port N.C. upon same date.

Mr. Gaskins made no statements as to why he wished to take his own life. And we have know of no worries either financially at home or his official position that would have led him to commit such a deed.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mr. Kaslins seem to be in his right mind as the local drug store clerk informed us that he came in the drug store at about 3:30 P.M. on August 16, 1935. and purchased Mercury Bichloride tablets for antiseptic purposes, then walked back to his home and commited the deed about 4 oclock P.M. of the same date as previously stated above

Respectfully

James E. Smith
"Lamplighter"
Lower Cape Fear River Lights

Form 98

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., August 17, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins — Position, Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,

Legal residence, North Carolina — Station, Southport, N. C.

Salary, $1260 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:

Mr. Gaskins died August 16, 1935.

H.L.Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

MSH

August 26, 1935

Mr. Robert W. Davis, Attorney
Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir:

1. There are inclosed herewith Proofs of Claim, one each for Certificate Nos. 2835, A-2835, B-2835, covering life insurance for R. M. Gaskins, Keeper, who died August 16, 1935. You are requested to have the "Physician's Statement" filled in on each form, signed by the physician and subscribed before a Notary Public, and return all three forms to this office, in the inclosed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

PRESIDENT:
MALCOLM KERLIN
ADM. ASST. TO THE SECRETARY

Address all communications to:
W. S. ERWIN, SECRETARY-TREASURER
COMMERCE BUILDING

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

VICE-PRESIDENT:
J. D. SECREST
C. C. BUREAU MINES

August 23, 1935.

AUG 26
CHARLESTON, S.C.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Sixth District,
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Sir:

We have just been informed by Robert W. Davis, Attorney at Law, at Southport, N. C., that Robert M. Gaskins, who held Certificates 2835, A-2835, and B-2835 in the above Association, had died on August 16, and has asked for the necessary forms on which to make claim for payment under the above certificates.

We are inclosing the necessary proofs of claim (one for each certificate), with the request that you fill out the officials's statement as far as you are able and send it to Mr. Davis with the request that he have the physician's statement filled in on each form, signed by the physician and subscribed before a Notary Public, and return all three forms to this office. Do not sign the Officials' Statement yourself, merely fill in whatever facts you have.

Very truly yours,

W. S. Erwin

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W. S. Erwin.

HLB:MSH

Office of Superintendent, 6th District,
Charleston, S. C., April 22, 1935.

Memorandum

R. M. Gaskins - (personnel file)

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2. Mr. Gaskins stated that he promised his wife two weeks ago that he would stop drinking all together and he repeated that promise to me. I told him that if he keeps his promise and continues to perform his duties satisfactorily, he will not be transferred to a light station as will be necessary unless he does keep his promise.

H. L. Beck

H. L. Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

HLB:MSH

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Charleston, S. C., April 22, 1935.

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H. L. Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

December 31, 1932

HLB:EAM

Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Southport, N. C.

SUBJECT: Salary allotment.

REFERENCE: Your letter of Dec. 30, 1932.

1. The Lighthouse Service has no arrangement whereby its employees can make allotments of salary.

2. It is suggested that if you wish your wife to have $70.00 per month to run the household you give that amount to her each month yourself.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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MARINE
AIRWAYS

Southport, N.C.,
Dec 30th, 1932.

Supt of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

If you can without any inconvenience to the office make an allotment to my wife to run the household for $70.00 Per the first payment to be made February 1st. Mrs. R.M. Gaskins, Southport, N.C.

Respectfully,

R.M. Gaskins

R.M. Gaskins,
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Office _____

Report of Employees' Marital Status and Dependents

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1. Name of Employee Robert (First) Merritt (Middle) Gaskins (Last)

2. Address Southport, N.C.

3. Married or Single Married

4. If married, do you reside with husband or wife? Yes

5. If married, and question (4) is answered no, give date since which you have not resided with husband or wife. _____

6. Is your husband or wife employed by the Federal Government or the District of Columbia? (If answered "Yes," give department or branch of District Government.)
No

7. Number of persons who derive their principal support from you.
2

8. Enter below information specified concerning each dependent included in your answer to question 7.

Name of Dependent	Relationship (if any)	Age	Address	How long Dependent?
Sadie	Wife	42 yrs	Southport, N.C	22 yrs
Edith C	Daughter	3	"	3 "

9. Are you (a) An honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine?
Yes
(b) Widow of such _____
(c) The wife of an injured soldier, sailor, or marine, who himself is not qualified for government service _____

I certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true.

R. M. Gaskins

NOTE: A misstatement or withholding of the information called for above will constitute grounds for dismissal.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at the expiration of fifth month of service.)

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S.C.
Charleston, S.C.
(Bureau)

March 4, 1925.
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on April 8, 5

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been ____ satisfactory * during the probationary period, and (he) (~~she~~) is ____ considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Robert M. Gaskins

Position Keeper, 2nd Assistant

Salary $1140 per annum.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Date of entrance on duty Oct. 3, 1924 (as Additional Keeper).

Remarks:

(Signature of immediate superior.)
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED:

(Head of Bureau or Office.)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.
Feb. 5, 1925.

Mr. L. H. Bringloe, Keeper,
Charleston Light Stations,

1. The probationary period of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, 2nd Asst. Keeper at your station, will expire at the close of business on April 2, 1925. You will please date, fill in blanks where necessary, sign and mail to this office at the first opportunity, the following report.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses

P. Farrow,
Chief Clerk.

Charleston Light Station, S. C.

Feb 7 1925
(Date)

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

1. The conduct and capacity of Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ Robert M. Gaskins, 2d Asst. Keeper, have _____ been satisfactory during the part of his probationary period covered by this report, and he is _____ considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Remarks: Satisfactory

L. H. Bringloe
Keeper.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Charleston, S. C., October 9, 1931

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To Employees Sixth Lighthouse District.

MARINE AIRWAYS

1. It is necessary for this office to report to the Department in Washington, D. C., the number of employees in the 6th Lighthouse District who are veterans of former wars. The records of this office do not show whether or not you are a veteran.

2. You will therefore please make a report in your case by filling in below the desired information, signing and returning to this office without delay.

H. L. Beck
H. L. BECK
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

USE PENCIL

1. Are you a veteran of a former war? Yes
(Answer yes or no)

2. Where and when did you have military service? U.S.N.R.F. From Apr 16- 1917 to Apr 5 1919 on the following ships, G.W. Douglass, W.J. Courtney, Paul Jones, Cherrystone Island Naval Base and ship at Norfolk Va. "Granite" Receiving ship at Boston.

3. Do you receive a pension? No
(Answer yes or no)

4. Service or disability pension? _____
(State which)

I certify that the answers to the foregoing are true and correct.

Name R. M. Jackins.
Place Southport N.C.
Date Oct 12- 1931

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 20, 1931.

Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape FearRiver Lights,
Southport, North Carolina.

Subject: Repairs to light structures in your charge.

Reference: Your letter of March 6, 1931.

1. It is believed that there is a good deal of scaling and painting of metal work at your structures that you can proceed with at once. Their actual condition will be determined in the near future by an inspection. In the meantime, it is desired that you proceed with the work.

2. It is noted that on eht occasion of my last inspection, I told you that it was intended to have one of the small tenders repair the daymarks, but since then so much work in other parts of the District has developed for them that neither the "Palmetto" nor the "Althea" can be spared. You have ample time to do the work. You are, therefore, instructed to submit requisition on form 95 for the materials which you will need to repair the daymarks and place them in good condition.

3. Relative to your views which you have often expressed that you have a difficult job in the Cape Fear River, it may be stated that I have just returned from an inspection trip through parts of the Inside Route in the Seventh, Sixth and Fifth Districts, from Miami, Florida, to Norfolk, Virginia. I found that one light attendant in the Seventh District, who is occasionally allowed to hire a laborer to help him, takes care of more than 40 automatic acetylene lights, and t hat one keeper, with an assistant, in the Fifth District, takes care of approximately 40 automatic acetylene lights; and that the distance between the extreme lights in this group is about 35 miles. Many of these lights are in locations which are worse than any that you have in the Cape Fear River. By compairson, you have an easy job.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SIXTH DISTRICT

(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

Southport, N.C., March 6th, 1931., 19

Supt of Lighthouses,

Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter March 3, 1931, I wish to state that if you want me to start working on the day marks, that is repair them where necessary, lumber will have to be sent and nails. Regardless of the time that I put in the river in actual maintenanee of the lights I have been using my car going to Hays fish factory nights and observing them in the interest of Navigation.

I have had no instructions to this effect but consider it one of the best ways to actually know if they are all burning, as I can see all the lights located up the River.

You told me when you were here last that you would have the Tender fix the day marks.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins,
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Brookhart Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 3, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Kpr. Lower Cape Fear Rv. Stn.

From: 1800.

No range authorized

To: 1860.

6th Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1930.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses. LIGHTHOUSES

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SUPT.
LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON S.C.
APR 4 1930

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 13, 1930.

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1800 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

Corrected

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C. (City) March 18, (Date) 19 30

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase present salary by $240 per annum in lieu of quarters.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins.

Position, Keeper

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.

Effective, March 13, 1930. [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Legal residence, North Carolina.

Proposed salary, $1800 per annum.

Proposed range, No range for this position.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Former position, The same.

Location, The same.

Former salary, $1560 per annum.

Former range, No range.

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

Previous incumbent, No change in incumbent.

Reason, -

Services terminated, will not terminate.

Members of family in Government service, Two. (Brother-in-law & Son-in-law).

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: This increase in salary is recommended in lieu of quarters formerly provided by the Government, and which were destroyed by fire in the early morning of March 13/30. See accompanying letter.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

COPY FOR COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 18, 1930.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Destruction by fire of keeper's dwelling near Bald Head L.H., N.C., on March 13, 1930.

1. On the morning of March 13, 1930, Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper of Lower Cape Fear River Lights, residing at Bald Head Light Station, reported the destruction by fire of the keeper's dwelling at Bald Head Light Station.

2. Enclosed herewith is report from Keeper Gaskins on this subject, also report of Mr. W. H. Barnett, Officer in Charge of Cape Fear Coast Guard Station. The Cape Fear Coast Guard Station is located on Smith Island about one mile from Bald Head Lighthouse.

3. It will be noted that the employees of the Coast Guard crew, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Barnett, rendered assistance in putting out the first fire, i.e. the fire that broke out about 1:50 P.M. on March 12, 1930.

4. It appears from the two reports that a defective chimney was responsible for the fire. For the information of the Bureau it is stated that while the building was an old one it was in good condition, and there had been no reason to suspect that the chimney was defective. The condition of the chimney could not have been ascertained without cutting into the ceiling to make an examination.

5. Mr. Gaskins has an excellent record in this service, and it is not believed that the loss of the building was due to his failure to take reasonable precautions. He is a hard and thorough worker, and if the first fire was not entirely extinguished it is believed that it was due to the fact that it was so well hidden that it could not be noticed.

6. It is doubtful whether a recommendation will be submitted for replacing this dwelling as consideration is being given to having the keeper of these lights live in Southport, N.C., and pay him, in addition to his present salary, the regular $240 per annum allowed in lieu of quarters.

7. As Mr. Gaskins has been without quarters since the early morning of March 13th, enclosed herewith is Form 73 in accordance with the above. The assistant keeper of Lower Cape Fear River Lights (Thomas L. Willis) already receives $240 per annum in lieu of quarters as he has never been furnished quarters by the Government.

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3 Reports & Form 73.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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March 30, 1929.

Mr. J. D. Evans,
The City Grocery Company,
Southport, N. C.

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of March 22, 1929, you are advised that both Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper and Mr. Thomas L. Willis, Assistant Keeper, acknowledge their indebtedness to you and state that it is their intention to pay. Mr. Gaskins adds that he made a payment on account about February 5th and told you that he would settle with you at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

H. L BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bald Head N.C.
Mar 28th 1929.

Supt of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

Referring to Mr. J.D. Evans correspondence regarding a bill against me, I wish to state that I acknowledge it, but dont think Mr. Evans is justified in making a complaint as I made him a payment on or about Feb 5, and told him at the time that I would settle with him at the earliest date, and he thanked me and stated that he was satisfied that I would pay him.

It is not my intentions to try to beat him but on the other hand to pay him as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

R.M. Gaskins

R.M. Gaskins,
Keeper.

HLB/EK

March 25, 1929

Mr. J. D. Evans
The City Grocery Co.
Southport, N. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 22nd stating that you have been unable to collect a grocery account in the amount of $31.25 that has been owing to you since Oct.1st, 1928 by Mr. R. M. Gaskins and also a grocery account in the amount of $34.10, that has been owing to you by Mr. Leland Willis since Oct. 1928. This matter has been taken up with the employees in question, who have been informed that Lighthouse Service Regulations require all employees to pay their just and legal debts. You will be further advised upon the receipt of replies from Mr. Gaskins and Mr. Willis.

Respectfully,

H. L. BECK
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Copy to R. M. Gaskins, Keeper, and T. L. Willis, Asst. Keeper, through the Keeper, for their information together with a copy of the letter from the City Grocery Co. Each of you will please submit a report to this office stating whether or not you acknowledge that you owe the debt, and if so your intentions with respect to paying it.

H. L. BECK
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

THE CITY GROCERY CO.

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SUPT.
LIGHTHOUSES,
CHARLESTON, S. C
MAR 25 1929

March 22 nd. 1929

Commander
U.S.Lt. House Service

I wish to get Information, How to collect a Grocery acct. of $31.25 that has been standing since Oct. 1st. 1928 For Groceries Sold to Mr. R.M.Gaskins., Southport, N.C.

Also a Grocery Acct. of $34.10 for Groceries sold to Mr.Leland Willis of Southport, N.C. standing since Oct. 1928

Mr. Gaskins and Mr. Willis has had statements of their accts. each month., Yours Very Truly,

J.D. Evans

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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July 1, 1928.

Mr. Robert M. Geskins

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500

To: $1560

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Form 1201 S

OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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February 26, 1927.

Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lights, North Carolina,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

Your report of January 27, 1927, has been submitted to me and I have been much impressed in reading of your action at 5:30 o'clock in the morning of January 27 in rescuing the crew of the Cape Fear Coast Guard launch. I particularly note that a violent gale was blowing at the time and that you could not have been successful in this rescue without expert seamanship and personal bravery. It gives me great pleasure to commend you for this action and have the matter noted as a part of your official history in the Department.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. Walter Drake

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to. 6th Supt.

Enclosure in Service Record Card

This is only copy sent in the office

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ENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Jan. 20, 1927.

Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Bald Head L.H., etc.,
Southport, N.C.

Subject: Commendation by Superintendent.

1. A letter has been received from Mr. J. H. Thompson on board the Yacht BEATRICE at Miami,Fla., under date of Jan. 18, 1927, reporting that while cruising south last fall the yacht went aground between Corncake Inlet and Southport. He states that you, while on your way from Southport to Bald Head L.H. in the station launch went to the aid of the yacht and piloted it into the channel. He wrote to express appreciation at what he regards as your commendable service.

2. I am very glad to receive the information in regard to your action on the occasion in question and take pleasure in commending you for what you did.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses together with a copy of the letter from Mr. Thompson.

1 incl.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Cross filed in 171

Entered on Card

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C.

The Department informally requests to be furnished a new personal history sheet for Robert M. Gaskins, keeper. Submit same promptly.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

HAW

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S. C., Sept. 7, 1926.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses together with personal history sheet for Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper, submitted in accordance with instructions contained in letter above.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office U.S. L. House Service

1. Name in full Robert Merritt Gaskins

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~Southport~~ North Carolina - 6th, (State and Congressional District) Brunswick (County) Southport. (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina. (State or foreign country) Hatteras (City or town) When born? May 1 - 1888. (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored
X			X			X	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U.S.L.H. Service, 6th Dist.	Addl. Keeper	$ 840p.a.	Oct.	3	1924	~~June~~ Dec.	~~5~~ 15	~~1925~~ 1924
	Keeper, 2d Asst.	$ 840	Dec.	16	1925	Jan.	31	1925
	" " "	1020	Feb.	1	1925	Mar.	1	1925
	" " "	1140	Mar.	2	1925	June	5	1925
	Light Attendant	$140 p.m.	June	6	1925	May	10	1926
	Keeper,	$1500p.a.	May	11	1926	Still serving 8/6/1926		

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
		X		X	X		

Enlisted Apr. 16,1917 Discharged Apr. 5, 1919
Organization U.S.N.R.F.

Enlisted Oct. 12,1920 Discharged May 21, 1923
Organization U.S.Coast Guard

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications About 5 or 6 years general pipe fitter.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. R. M. Gaskins. (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Southport, N. C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. Gaskins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept. 6th, 1926. (Date) Present address Southport, N.C.

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√Data typed in answer to Q.6, filled in at office from office records.

BAW

September 2, 1925.

Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lights,
Southport, N.C.

1. Enclosed herewith is your Personal History sheet received in this office today, which is being returned to you for completion and return to this office at the earliest practicable date.

2. Fill in answer to Question 2 (Legal voting residence), and check the proper answers under Question 5. Under Question 7 check "Navy" and "Coast Guard" as you served in those branches.
Date the form at the bottom of the ~~mark~~ sheet on line provided for that purpose. The uncompleted questions have been marked with a red pencil cross. Read the form carefully before you return it and see that all answers have been filled in.

3. With regard to Question 2: In case you do not know your Congressional District that portion of the answer can be filled in in this office. But you should fill in name of State, County, City or town.

Your legal voting residence is the place when you are now qualified to vote.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

HAW

August 27, 1926.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lights,
Southport, N. C.

1. Enclosed herewith is a Personal History sheet which you are requested to fill out and return to this office as soon as practicable.

2. Some of the answers have been lightly written in lead pencil. You will please write the answers in ink over the lead pencil answers which can be later erased. All questions must be answered and checked appropriately. Such answers as have been filled in with pencil are merely to assist you in getting the form correctly prepared.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

1926 AUG 6 PM 9:51

August 5, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that the records of the Department are incomplete regarding certain employees as indicated below:

Name	Required	District
William H. Faulkingham	Oath and history sheet	Second
Robert M. Gaskins	History sheet	Sixth
Margaret H. Duncan	Oath	Nineteenth
Clarence A. Knight	Oath	Nineteenth

It is requested that the information required be furnished without delay.

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

AUG 7 1926

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to...6th.....Supt for compliance and return so far as concerns your district.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., August 11, 1926.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with statement that the records of this office show that Personal History Sheet of Robert M. Gaskins, together with his oath of office dated Oct. 3, 1924, was forwarded the Bureau on October 3, 1924.

A copy of Mr. Gaskins' Personal History Sheet is enclosed herewith in event the original has been misplaced in the records of the Department.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses.

T. H. Gregg,
1st Asst. Superintendent.

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RAW

June 8, 1926.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River L.H.,
Southport, N. C.

1. Enclosed herewith is Department letter dated May 10, 1926 appointing you to the position of Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River L.H., at a salary of $1500 per annum, effective May 11, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

2. The effective date of your entrance on duty as Keeper has been made May 11, 1926, and your pay check for month of May (enclosed herewith) computed as follows:

May 1 - 10 (at old rate of $140 per month)	$ 46.67
May 11- 31 (at new rate of $1500 per an.)	83.33
Amount of pay check	$130.00

3. Oath of Office is also enclosed for you to execute and return to this office. When you sign the oath (on line indicated by red cross), please sign your name exactly as it is typed on the first line, Robert M. Gaskins. Do not sign it R. M. Gasking. Instructions in Note 4 at the bottom of the form give you the neccessary information relative taking the oath.

Incls.
Pay check.
Letter of Appointment.
Oath of Office.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form A-80

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 21 1926
Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1926.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 MAY 19 PM 3 37

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand and Five Hundred dollars per annum

effective May 11, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Restoration to duty of Keeper (by change from Light Attendant).

Civil Service authority: Letter dated May 10, 1926, File JML/Fy.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit) Field.

Vice New position.

Legal Residence Florida.

Date of Oath ..... June 9, 1926.

Oath fwd Bureau .... June 11, 1926.

Date E O D ..... May 11, 1926.

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Lower Cape Fl. Pt. 2 H
F 6

See Personnel Hist on
Shem Island Sept 6/26 Candler

Sir:-

Neither I or Fisher have rec'd our check yet. The keepers of the Cape Fear Station rec'd theirs June 3rd.

R. M. Gaskins

JUN 8 1926
Clerk
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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., (City.) April 26, (Date.) 1926.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(See Personal Hist. Sheet dated Sept 6, 1926)

Action recommended, ~~Reinstatement~~ Transfer **and appointment.**

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins.** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper.** Salary, **$1500 per annum.**

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **May 11, 1926** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Light Attendant. Former salary, **$1680 per annum.**

Lights, N.C.

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authorized by
ment of Apr. 14,
letter of

Services terminated,

t Service, **One. Brother-in-law.**

lly qualified to perform the duties of the position.
by the Government. Mr. Gaskins previously served as Addnl.
hrough Dec. 15/24. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Charleston L.H.,
5. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Cape Romain L.H., March 2/25 throug
he position of Lt. Attendant, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,
action of the effective June 6/25, under Contract of Em-
ployment, and he is still serving in that
, 19 capacity.

LOWER CAPE FEAR RIVER LIGHTS, N.C.:
Bald Head,
Bald Head Shoal Channel Front & Rear,
Smith Island Range Front & Rear,
Fort Caswell Front,
Battery Island No. 24,
Lower South Channel Front & Rear,
Show March Channel Front & Rear,
Lower Midnight Channel Front & Rear,
Upper Midnight Channel Front,
Orton Cove Lower Rear,
Orton Cove Upper Front & Rear,
Lower Lilliput Channel Front & Rear,
(10 Lights)

vil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

See File 400 for correspondence relative this matter.

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

11—2314

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., (City.) April 26, (Date.) 1926.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(See Personal Hist. Sheet dated Sept 6, 1922)

Action recommended, ~~Promotion~~ Transfer **and appointment.**

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins.** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper.** Salary, **$1500 per annum.**

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **May 11,1926** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Light Attendant. Former salary, **$1680 per annum.**

Lights, N.C.

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authorized by
ment of Apr.14,
letter of Services terminated,

LOWER CAPE FEAR RIVER LIGHTS, N.C.:
Bald Head,
Bald Head Shoal Channel Front & Rear,
Smith Island Range Front & Rear,
Fort Caswell Front,
Battery Island No. 24,
Lower Swash Channel Front & Rear,
Snow Marsh Channel Front & Rear,
Lower Midnight Channel Front & Rear,
Upper Midnight Channel Front,
Orton Cove Lower Rear,
Orton Cove Upper Front & Rear,
Lower Lilliput Channel Front & Rear.
(19 Lights)

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il Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

See File 400 for correspondence relative this matter.

No. 73

NOMINATION

RAW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., December 3, 1925
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $1500.00 per annum.

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, S.C. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 21, 1925. {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1680.00 per annum.

[illegible]s, N.C.

[illegible] Rating. [illegible] Percentage, -, Other eligibles considered:

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LOWER CAPE FEAR RIVER LIGHTS.
Bald Head,
Bald Head Shoal Channel Front & Rear,
Smith Island Range Front & Rear,
Fort Caswell Front,
Battery Island No. 24,
Lower Swash Channel Front & Rear,
Snow Marsh Channel Front & Rear,
Lower Midnight Channel Front & Rear,
Upper Midnight Channel Front,
Orton Cove Lower Rear,
Orton Cove Upper Front & Rear,
Lower Liliput Channel Front & Rear,
(19 Lights)

[illegible]District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the [illegible] approved.

Action on this nomination deferred. See Bur. ind. of Dec. 14, 1925 - Filed 400 - (See "Record of Establishment.").

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C. (City.) December 3 (Date.), 19 25

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $1500.00 per annum.

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, S.C. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 23, 1925. { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, $1680.00 per annum.

...s, N.C.

Rating, — Percentage, —, Other eligibles considered:

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Bald Head.
Bald Head Shoal Channel Front & Rear.
Smith Island Range Front & Rear.
Fort Caswell Front.
Battery Island No. 24.
Lower Swash Channel Front & Rear.
Show Marsh Channel Front & Rear.
Lower Midnight Channel Front & Rear.
Upper Midnight Channel Front.
Orton Cove Lower Rear.
Orton Cove Upper Front & Rear.
Lower Elliott Channel Front & Rear.
(19 Lights)

...strict.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the ... of Col...

approved.

Action on this nomination deferred. See Bur. ind. Dec. 14, 1925 - Filed 400 - (See "Record of Establishment.").

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ENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

October 30, 1925.

Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Light Attendant,
Southport, N.C.

Subject: Commendation by Superintendent of 6th District.

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Officer in charge Cape Fear Coast Guard Station, reporting valuable services rendered by you on Oct. 22, 1925, by walking a distacne of two miles to give information as to a stranded vessel in the mouth of the Cape Fear River not visible from the station and then giving all the assistance you could in pulling the vessel off a lee shore during a strong southwest wind and sea.

Active cooperation such as yougave in this instance is naturally greatly appreciated by the Coast Guard and I take pleasure in commending you officially for what you did.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy of Commissioner of Lighthouses.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy in 171

Entered in Serv. Rec. Card

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Cape Fear
Coast Guard Station
7th
District.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Southport, N.C.

October 27, 1925.

From: Officer in charge, Cape Fear Station,
To: Superintendent, 6th Lighthouse District.

Subject: Service/ rendered by R.M.Gaskins, in performing assistance duty October 22, 1925.

1. I want to inform you of the valuable service rendered by R. M. Gaskins, October 22, 1925, by walking a distance of two miles to inform us of a stranded vessel in the mouth of the Cape Fear River which was not visible from our station; and rendered all assistance he could in pulling the vessel off a lea shore during a strong south west wind and sea.

2. I am very proud to have a man of such a disposition located beside me.

/s/ M. M. Pigott.

SECRETARY FIFTH CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
OFFICE BUILDING, ATLANTA, GA.

LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
JUL 3 1925
Ld. Asst. Supt.
Clerk
Asst.
Vouch
Personal
Property
Payment
Travel
File

IN YOUR ANSWER PLEASE REFER TO
FILE ~~JD-1A~~
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FIFTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

COMPRISING ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, ATLANTA, GA.

July 2, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 22nd supplementing your telegram of June 20th relative to the promotion during probation of Robert M. Gaskins, Lighthouse Keeper. My request for information concerning the promotion of Mr. Gaskins was occasioned by an inquiry from the Civil Service Commission.

Copy of your telegraphic reply was sent to the Commission and it is presumed that the matter has been satisfactorily settled by this time.

Very respectfully,

L. A. MOYER,
District Secretary.

copy in 24

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MF:LP

June 22, 1925.

Secretary,
Fifth Civil Service District,
Post Office Building,
Atlanta, Ga.

Subject: Promotion of R.M. Gaskins, Lighthouse Keeper from $840. to $1020 per annum.

References: Your letter of June 19, 1925- file C 2/8.14
Telegram from this office of June 22, 1925.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of June 19, 1925, the following telegram was sent you:

"This office had no Civil Service authority for promotion Robert M Gaskins Increase was result of general readjustment of pay and included ration allowance formerly paid but not included in base pay given in appointment Letter of explanation follows "

The following is complete record of service of Mr. R.M. Gaskins in this Lighthouse District, showing changes in rates of pay etc.:

Appointed as additional keeper in the Sixth Lighthouse District ~~xx~~ under probationary appointment and entered on duty Oct. 3, 1924. The position of additional keeper is an entrance position, such employees being assigned to a station for training with a view to transfer on occurrence of a suitable vacancy. Mr. Gaskins was transferred from the position of additional keeper to the position of 2d assistant keeper at Charleston Light Station effective Dec. 16, 1924 at the same salary he received as additional keeper, $840. per annum.

While Mr. Gaskins was serving in position of 2d assistant keeper at Charleston Light Station at a salary of $840 per annum the general adjustment of pay of positions of keepers was approved by the Department and retroactive as of July 1, 1924. Retroactive pay due individual keepers was on the basis of adjustments of pay of positions actually occupied by them and prior to the adjustment of pay Mr. Gaskins' base pay was $840. per annum. He received however, an additional amount of $164.25 per annum for commutation of rations. Under the readjustment schedule the commutation of rations $164.25 was included in his appointment as base pay. Under the readjustment in salary his position carried an increase of $15.75 making the total base pay carried in his appointment as $1020 instead of $840. The actual increase of $15.75 was not regarded in the nature of a promotion, as the salary of $1020 per annum is the salary fixed in the adjusted compensation schedule for the position.

Copy forwarded for information of the Bureau with letter from the Secretary, 5th Civil Service District attached.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Respectfully,

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

HLB:LP

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

Charleston, S.C. June 22, 5, 192

(Place and date)

SEND TO Civil Service Secretary

P.O. Building

Atlanta Georgia

This office had no Civil Service authority for promotion Robert M Gaskins Increase was result of general readjustment of pay and included ration allowance formerly paid but not included in base pay given in appointment. Letter of explanation follows

BECK

CHARGE: Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, DC

(Insert proper office)

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

H. (Name) BECK,

Superintendent of Light houses.

(Title)

11—4649

File 62/8.14

COPY:LP

FIFTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT.

Office of the Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

June 19, 1925.

Superintendent,
6th U.S. Lighthouse District,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

Inquiry has been made of this office by the Civil Service Commission regarding the promotion during probation of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, lighthouse keeper, from $840 to $1020 per annum. Please wire me immediately whether you received either from this office or from the Civil Service Commission in Washington, through your Department, prior authority for this promotion. If such authority was obtained, it will be appreciated if you will send me a copy of the letter.

Very respectfully,

L.A. Moyer,
District Secretary.

ower Cape Fear River Lights:

Bald Head,
New Channel Range Front & Rear,
Bald Head Range Front & Rear,
Smith Isld. Range Front & Rear,
Fort Caswell Range Front,
Battery Island, No. 2A,
Lower Swash Channel Rg.Front & Rear,
Snow Marsh Channel Rg.Front & Rear,
Lower Midnight Channel Rg.Front & Rear,
Upper Midnight Channel Rg.Front,
Orton Cove Lower Rg.Rear,
Orton Cove Upper Rg.Front & Rear,
Lower Liliput Channel Rg.Front & Rear,
(21 lights.)

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED POSITION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., June 4, 1925.
(Place and date)

Employment has been given to Robert M. Gaskins

as Light Attendant, in connection with work

in the Sixth Lighthouse District, at the rate of $ 140 per ~~day~~ month, beginning June 6, 1925, under regulations approved by the Secretary of Commerce, dated Aug. 4, 1916. This contract of employment supersedes all previous certificates of appointment.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent Of Lighthouses.

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service.

R. M. Gaskins.

E O D June 6, 1925.

INSTRUCTIONS.—To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office.

11—4360

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JUN 10 PM 2 49

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

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 June 5, 1925.

Bureau.....Lighthouses

Position.....Keeper (2nd Assistant)

Allocation.....

Salary.....$1140 per annum

Station.....Cape Romain Light Station, S. C.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., June 4, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant),

Legal residence, Florida. Station, Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Salary, $1140 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 5, 1925.

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

Remarks: The acceptance of Mr. Gaskin's resignation is recommended as it is desired to employ him as Light Attendant to care for lights in Lower Cape Fear River, N.C., (registered position), beginning June 6, 1925.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

Charleston, S.C.,

June 4 25.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

I respectfully request that my resignation as 2nd Assistant Keeper ~~of~~ in the Lighthouse Service be accepted, effective June 6, 1925. I desire to resign from position of 2nd Asst. Keeper in order that I may accept employment as Light Attendant to care for lights of lower Cape Fear River, N.C.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins,
2d Asst. Keeper,
Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
TENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 9, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Robert M. Gaskins, 2d Asst. Kpr., Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.
REFERENCE: Notice of Change in Salary dated Feb. 27, 1925.

1. Mr. Robert M. Gaskins entered on duty as Keeper (2d Asst.), Cape Romain Light Station, S.C., March 3, 1925.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAR 9 1925
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SIXTH DISTRICT

Cane Romain Light Station, S.C.
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

March 6 th, 1925

Superintendent of Lighthouses 6 th Dist
Charleston S.C.

Sir

Mr R M Gaskins reported for Duty here as 2 nd Asst Keeper on March 3rd 1925 at 4 pm

Respectfully,
August F Wichmann
Keeper

E O D March 3/25

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at the expiration of fifth month of service.)

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S.C.
Charleston, S.C.
(Bureau)

March 4, 1925.
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on April 2, 5

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been _____ satisfactory * during the probationary period, and (he) (~~she~~) is _____ considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Robert M. Gaskins

Position Keeper, 2nd Assistant

Salary $1140 per annum.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Date of entrance on duty Oct. 3, 1924 (as Additional Keeper).

Remarks:

(Signature of immediate superior.)
H.E. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED:

Y
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY

KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPT. LIGHTHOUSES CHARLESTON, S. C. MAR 4 1925 1st. Asst. Supt. Clk. Clerk Asst. Supt. Voucher Personal Property Proposals Depot Date

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1925.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1020 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective March 1, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Acting

2d Coast Dist. Keepers Copies Remain

Gardner

HLB:HAW

Feb. 28, 1925.

Mr. A. F. Wichmann, Keeper,
Cape Romain Light Station,
McClellanville, S.C.

1. You are advised that the transfer of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, 2d Asst. Keeper, Charleston Light Station to the position of 2d Asst. Keeper, Cape Romain Light Station has been approved, effective March 1, 1925, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

2. Mr. Gaskins has been permitted to use U.S.L.H.S. Launch No. 82 for transporting his household effects and family from Charleston Light Station to Cape Romain Light Station, with the understanding that as soon as practicable after his arrival at Cape Romain he will return the launch to the Lighthouse Depot.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Mr. Gaskins did not use U.S.L.H. Launch.
He went on regular boat running to
McClellanville

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHARGE: Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
(Insert proper office)

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

(Name)
H.L.Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses.
(Title)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 24., 19 25.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant). Salary, $1140 per an. (Including commutation of rations @ 45¢ per day, payable from Gen.Exp.,L.H.Service.)

Location, Cape Romain Light Station, S.C. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 1, 1925, [1] ~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) Former salary, $1020 per an. (Including commutation of rations @ 45¢ per day, payable from Gen.Exp.L.H.Service.)

Location, Charleston Light Station, S.C.

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

Previous incumbent, James E. Pinner. Services terminated, Close of Feb. 5, 1925.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, One - Brother-in-law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: The main reason for transferring Mr.Gaskins to Cape Romain Lt.Station is that he may place his daughter in school at McClellanville. Owing to the distance of the station from the school it will be necessary for his daughter to board in McClellanville. As this will be an extra expense for Mr.Gaskins he has been recommended for appointment at $1140 per an. - $60 above the minimum pay of the position. He is now receiving the minimum pay of his position at Charleston Lt.Station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Feb. 5, 1925.

Mr. L. H. Bringloe, Keeper,
Charleston Light Stations,

1. The probationary period of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, 2nd Asst. Keeper at your station, will expire at the close of business on April 2, 1925. You will please date, fill in blanks where necessary, sign and mail to this office at the first opportunity, the following report.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses

P. Farrow,
Chief Clerk.

Charleston Light Station, S. C.

Feb. 7, 1925.
(Date)

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

1. The conduct and capacity of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, 2d Asst. Keeper, have been satisfactory during the part of his probationary period covered by this report, and he is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Remarks: Satisfactory.

/s/ L. H. Bringloe.
Keeper.

Keepers and Asst. Keepers.

Office of [illegible]
Charleston, S.C., March 3, 1920.

1. Referring to notice of change in pay recently sent you, you are informed that authority was granted to make the new rate of pay effective from July 1, 1924 and the check enclosed herewith is to cover balance of pay due you at the new rate of pay beginning July 1, 1924.

R. M. Yeskins, 2d Asst Cape Roman

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Retroactive pay

H.L. HOLT,
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

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Mr. Robert N. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1020.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses,
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

OFFICE NOTE:

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses	$ 855.75
Commutation of Rations, G.E.L.H.S.	164.25
	$1020.00

6th

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, Sixth DISTRICT.

Charleston, S.C., Nov. 26, 1924. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on December 16, 1924.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant)

From Keeper (Additional) 6th Dist., To Charleston Light Station, S.C.

Previous incumbent, George Graham,

Services will terminated, close of December 15,1924. Reason, Promotion.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 17, 1924. 19~~24~~

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1924.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

October 3, 1924.

Officer in Charge,
U.S. Public Health Service,
Custom House, Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

With reference to Executive Order of June 18, 1923, directing that applicants ~~xxxx~~ and employees of the U.S. Civil Service take a physical examination:

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins has been appointed light keeper in the Lighthouse Service, with a rating of 85.6 % in examination held July 1, 1924. It is requested that he be given a physical examination as required, and this office be furnished a copy of his examination.

P. Farrow, Secty.,
Local C.S. Board of Examiners.
6th Lighthouse Dist.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

ERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER JUNE 18, 1923

bert Merritt Gaskins.
(Applicant must write name above.)

Fernandina Fla.
(Applicant must write post office address above.)

70 inches. (Height, without shoes.) 163 pounds. (Weight.)

Male (Sex.) May 1st 1888. (Date of birth.)

Rolled print right forefinger



(Use fingerprint indelible pad)

Items checked (√) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on back of sheet.)

1. Eyes: For distance; with glasses if worn: Right 20 — Left 20 — Without glasses: Right 20 Left 20
   Evidence of disease or injury: Right ✓ Left ✓
2. Ears: Is conversational voice heard at 20 feet? Yes (Yes or no.)
   Right ✓ Left ✓
3. Nose: ✓
4. Mouth: ✓
5. Throat: ✓
6. Thyroid (especially in women): ✓
7. Heart: ✓
8. Lungs: Right ✓
   Left ✓
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right ✓
   Left ✓
   (Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)
10. Varicose veins: ✓ (If "Yes," state location and degree.)
11. Flat foot: ✓ (If "Yes," state extent of impairment of function.)
12. Deformities or atrophies worthy of note: ✓
13. Scars of serious injury or disease: ✓
14. Urinalysis (see over):
15. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? no If "Yes," describe disability and state whether present now:
16. Considering your findings in this examination, and the duties of the position of Light Keeper, L.H.S. (Fill in kind of position sought.)
    what is your opinion of the *physical* ability of the applicant to perform the duties? Can perform duties

Charleston SC (Place of examination.)

October 3. 1924 (Date of examination.)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service.

Franklin T. James (Name of examining physician.)

Asst Surgeon USPHS (Title and branch of medical service.)

This report is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination. 6—6748

Robt. M. Gaskins.

Form 206 - Record of Phys.Exam. of Light Keeper, dated Oct.3/24

filed in 39B.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,
Additional Keeper,
6th Lighthouse District,

October 3, 1924.

1. You are directed to report for duty, this date, to Mr. W. H. Touchtone, Keeper, Charleston Lighthouse Depot.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Mr. W. H. Touchtone, Keeper, Chas. Lighthouse Depot.

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Modified by the President March 28, 1924)

Filled in by EAW

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service.

1. Name in full Robert Merritt Gaskins.

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida (State and Congressional District) 2nd Nassau (County) Fernandina (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina, (State or foreign country) Hatteras (City or town) When born? May 1, 1888 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male ✓	Female	Single	Married ✓	Divorced	Widowed	White ✓	Colored	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy ✓	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Apr. , 1917 Discharged Apr. 1919

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8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
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9. State special qualifications Steam fitter (pipe)

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Sadie Gaskins (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Charleston, S.C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ R. M. Gaskins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct. 3rd, 1924. (Date)

Present address

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(Cut along this line)

Employee to date and sign this receipt, detach same and return it to this office promptly.

Oct 3rd 1924
(Date)

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Sixth Lighthouse District Circular No. 46 of May 1st, 1923, containing copy of Section 3, Rule XI of the Civil Service Rules and instructions issued by the Secretary of Commerce relative the enforcement of said rule. Also of Circular letters No. 253 dated Oct.10, 1916 and No. 147 dated Feb. 6, 1920, and pamphlet "Right to Compensation, etc."

Robert M. Gaskins
(Signature of Employee)

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(Branch of service or department.)

(Name of city.) (State.)

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. State where you were born and date Hatteras N.C. May 1st, 1888.
2. What examination did you take? Asst Keeper.
3. Give place and date of examination Charleston S.C. July 1st, 1924
4. To what position have you been offered appointment or actually appointed? Asst. Keeper.
5. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" Yes. If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post-office address. (Give street No., if any.)	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
G. H. Meekins	Southport N.C.	Position B.M. 1 C. Department or office Coast Guard	Bro-in-law.	
		Position Department or office		Mar.
		Position Department or office		

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

7. What is your present address (including street and number, city, and State)? Fernandina Fla.

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

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

P. M. Gaskins
(Signature.)

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

If the answer to question 5 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted for approval before appointment is made.

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

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

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.

(Signature.)

(Official title.)

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(This paper should be returned to the District Secretary when completed.)

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHTHOUSES CHARLESTON, S.C. SEP 26 24

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON September 25, 1924.

1924 SEP 25 PM 4 27 LIGHTHOUSES

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. _____) issued by the Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Acting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Appropriation:

Vice: James W. Turner.

Legal Residence: Florida.

Date of Oath ..... Oct. 3,1924
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Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6080

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United States Civil Service Commission,

FIFTH CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

ATLANTA, GA., Sept 18, 1924.

Sir (or Madam):

You are respectfully advised that the nomination of Robert N Hawkins as a Keeper in your office has this day been approved and forwarded to the proper Department.

Respectfully,

T. W. [illegible]

Secretary, Fifth District.

6—2271

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September 27, 1924.

R. M. Gaskins,
rnandina, Fla.

1. Enclosed herewith is your appointment for position of Keeper (Additional) effective the date you enter on duty. You are instructed to proceed to Charleston on September 30th, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and report to this office. You will be assigned to duty at the Charleston Lighthouse Depot. As stated in letter to you dated Sept. 17th, you will have to pay your own traveling expenses to Charleston.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

September 17, 1924.

Mr. R. M. Gaskins,
Fernandina, Fla.

Sir:

Referring to your statement on Letter to Eligibles, dated Sept. 5, 1924, that you would accept the position of Additional Keeper, 6th Lighthouse District:

You are informed that you have been nominated for the position effective September 25, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. This does not mean, however, that you have been appointed as action has not been taken on your nomination by the Civil Service Secretary, nor by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. You will be advised as soon as action is taken by the proper authorities on your nomination. This advance notice is sent you in order that you may make such preparations as you care to make and in order that you may be ready to leave in case your nomination is approved. Should your nomination be approved you will have to pay your own traveling expenses to Charleston, S. C. You are to understand that you are not to report for duty until you are instructed to do so by this office.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

R. M. Gaskins

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Respectfully,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSE
CHARLESTON, S. C.
SEP 24.
Property
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Dept.

Fernandina.

Sept 16th.

Dear Sir:-

In the last Form you sent me I overlooked the fact that I had a Brother in the Coast Guard.

The last that I heard from him he was about ready to Retire. This was perhaps the cause of the oversight.

His address is.

H. H. Gaskins

Hatteras N.C.

Am not positive, but

I think this occurred in my examination also.

Respectfully.

P. M. Gaskins

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., September 15, 1924
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins.** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper (Additional).** Salary, **$840 per annum.**

Location, **Sixth Lighthouse District, Headquarters, Charleston, S.C.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 25, 1924** {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - Former salary, -

Location, -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating, **Asst. Keeper,** Percentage, **95.6** , Other eligibles considered: **Oliver P.Cantey (C); Edw. H. Moessner (C). Julius J. Jeffords, 1st on eligible register, desires to be considered for Cape Canaveral Lt.Station,Fla.,only. He was, therefore, not considered for this position.**

Previous incumbent, ~~transferred.~~ James W. Turner, Services terminated, **Sept. 15, 1924.**

Reason, **Transferred, to position of 2d assistant keeper of a station.**

Members of family in Government Service, One - Brother in law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: Quarters are provided by the Government only when on detail at a station which has quarters. Detailed to various stations in 6th District as occasion requires.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Sent to Dist Secty, Atlanta, Ga in dup.

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R. M. GASKINS, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lts., N.C.

Charges preferred against R. M. Gaskins by
Asst. Kpr. S.B. Fisher.

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Ch. Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
Vouchers
Personnel
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RLC:MF

December 13, 1927.

Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear Lights, N. C.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report submitted by the Superintendent in which it is stated that you were charged with and found guilty of possessing and drinking intoxicating liquor in July, 1925, for which you paid the cost in court. You are advised that this constitutes a most serious violation of the Regulations and you are hereby cautioned that a repetition of this offense will be considered as sufficient cause for more drastic disciplinary action.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 6th Dist

Carded

HLB:BAW

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November 26, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Keeper R. M. Gaskins - counter charges against.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of two letters dated Oct. 15/27 of R. M. Gaskins to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to paragraph 5 of my letter of Oct. 15, 1927 to the Commissioner on the subject of Sullivan B. Fisher, Asst. Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, etc., recommending dismissal of Sullivan B. Fisher, in which it was stated that investigation would be made and report submitted to the Bureau, relative counter charges made by Sullivan B. Fisher against R. M. Gaskins:

I have to report that a copy of Sullivan B. Fisher's counter charges was submitted to Mr. Gaskins and in reply he wrote two letters both dated Oct. 15, 1927, copies of which are enclosed.

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H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

M.B:HAW

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

November 26, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Keeper R. M. Gaskins - counter charges against.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of two letters dated Oct. 15/27 of R. M. Gaskins to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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SUPT.
LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
Vouchers
Personnel
Property
Records

Bald Head L.H.,
Oct 24th 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

U.S. Court will convene in the Custom House at Wilmington, N.C. Nov 8th. I will be able to leave the lights so they will be alright till I return.

Respectfully,

R.M. Gaskins

R.M. Gaskins,
Keeper.

October 16, 1927.

Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper,

Southport, N. C.

1. Your letters of October 15th have been received.

2. Continue to perform your duties as Keeper of the Lower Cape Fear River Lights.

3. As soon as you know definitely advise this office of the date that the U. S. District Court will convene in Wilmington.

H. L. Beck,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

OCT 17 1927
Asst. Asst. Supt.
Cond Clerk
Asst. Supt.
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Bald Head L.H.,
Oct 15th 1927.

Supt of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

I realize the fact that I should not make my letters personal to you, but in this case I feel justified. I have some information to divulge that I would rather leave to your judgment as to making it official.

The whiskey mentioned in my letter to your office on this date was obtained from Fishers Bro-in-law Cliff Boyd, the man that was asst kpr at Cape Fear Sta. His other Bro-in-law John Varnum brought the material i.e. the boiler for the still, and the barrels to put the liquor in and landed it right at Fishers door, Fisher has never made any report of this. They were all colleagued together when I came here, and I broke them up and got them away. This does not appeal to the Boyd and Varnum family and since Fisher has reported me they are all waiting for the execution with hair on end.

If you find it nessesary to dismiss me from the service for anything that you find that I have done in my letter to you please delay the matter till after U.S. Court is held in Wilmington I think in Nov, (will let you know definitely later) in which Mr. Boyd is indicted and some more of his gang.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins,

R.M. Gaskins,
Kpr.

P.S. When court convenes I think you will find that I have been working in the interest of the office as well as the govt and myself. Please send me a card of some kind so I will know you recd this.

SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES CHARLESTON, S.C.
OCT 17 1927
1st. Asst. Supt.
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Bald Head L.H.,
Oct 15th 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Reference: Your letter Oct 13th.

Sir:

July 22 1925, not 1926, a little over a month after you sent me here from Charleston I submitted to the charge of posessing liquor and paid the cost of the court. Mr. Fisher has always known this and has tried to use it to his advantage in doing as he pleased on this job. February last when I threatened to report him for not being on time, he told me that he would make me sweat if I ever reported him, and asked me to go ahead and report him, that he had me where he wanted me. This fact did not deter me however, and after repeatedly warning him without any effect I took the matter to your office.

I have never been proud of the fact that I got drunk, in fact I was ashamed of it after I realized what I had done, and since that time I have been straight and tried to be right in every way. When I came here there was whiskey being made here and I was instrumental in breaking it up. I took Mr. Fisher and my ax on one occasion and went in the woods and wrecked the site of a still.

The time he has reference to in regards to liquor on the launch was when my wife nearly died with influenza. I went to Southport and got some for her.

Respectfully,

R.M. Gaskins

R.M. Gaskins,
Keeper.

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LPF:LP

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Oct. 13, 1927

Mr. R.M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lts.,
Southport, N.C.

Subject: Charges against ~~Mr~~ Asst. Keeper S.B. Fisher.

1. Referring to letter* from this office of Oct. 6, 1927 preferring charges against Asst. Keeper S.B. Fisher which you delivered to him on Oct. 8, 1927, enclosed herewith is copy of letter of Oct. 10, 1927 from Asst. Keeper Fisher replying to the charges preferred against him.

2. In replying to the charges Asst.Keeper Fisher has made countercharges against you as covered in the next to the last paragraph of his letter of Oct. 10th quoted as follows:

"In summary of all these facts I wish to say that I have put forth every effort possible to do my duty and to co-operate with Mr. Gaskins and just to prove the kind of man I am trying to work with and co-operate with, Mr. Gaskins pleaded guilty to the possession of intoxicating liquor in the Recorder's court of Brunswick county on July 22nd, 1926 as shown from the records of Brunswick county in the Clerk of the Court's office at Southport which you are hereby referred to and I personally have time and again seen Mr. Gaskins under the influence of liquor and I saw him one time with liquor in the boat; That is to say that if Mr. Gaskins would let liquors alone I feel that we could work to-gether better and that our services would be more beneficial than they have heretofore been."

3. You are instructed to submit report in writing in reply to the charges made by Asst.Keeper Fisher relative to the possession and use of intoxicating liquor by you.

4. It is not necessary for you to make any further comment at this time to any part of Fisher's letter except the paragraph that contains the charges of possession and use of intoxicating liquor.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Correspondence relative charges against S.B Fisher & his dismissal, filed in Fisher's personal jacket.

3-2

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDER
7TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
2610 TIGER TAIL AVE.
MIAMI 33, FLA.

P
18 June 1952
P20-2/LL

From: Commander, 7th Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: Verification of service of Robert Merritt Gaskins

In compliance with HQ letter of 3 June 1952, PC, a certified copy of the service record card of Robert Merritt Gaskins has been prepared and is forwarded herewith.

G. I. HOLT
By direction

Incl.

COPY

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SERVICE RECORD CARD

Certified to be a true copy:
P. B. HELLMAN, LCDR USCG

NAME
GASKINS, Robert M.
Hatteras, N.C. (place of birth)
May 1, 1888 (date of birth)

-SERVICE RECORD-

Date of Action	Date E.O.D.	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Official Station
1924 Sept. 23	Oct. 3	Probationary Appointment	Keeper (Addnl.)	$840.	LH Service, 6th DIST.
	Dec. 16	Transferred	Keeper, 2nd Ass't.	840	Chas. Lt. Sta.
1925 Jan 31	Effec. Feb.1/25 sal. readjusted ~~Effec. Feb. 1/25~~ Com. of rations 45¢ p.d.			1020	LH Service, Chas. Lt. Station
Feb. 27	Mar. 2	Trans. & Appt.	Keeper, 2nd Ass't.	1140	LH. Service, Cape Romain
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF JUNE 5, 1925; Service continuous				
				P.M.	
June 4 1926	June 6	Cont. of Emp/Light Attendant		140	Lower Cape Fear Rv. Lts.
				P.A.	
May 10	May 11	Apptd.	Keeper	1500	LH Serv. Lower Cape Fear River Lights
Dec. 13	Dec. 27	Cautioned by Bureau against repetition of intoxication.			First Offense July 1925.
1928					
July 1		Sal. incr. Welch Act Effec. July 1, 1928		1560	LH Serv. " "
1930 Mar. 22	Mar. 13	Compensation changed-dwelling burnt down Mar. 13.		1800	" " " "
July 3		Sal. incrsd. under Brookhart Act. effec. July 3/30		1860	" " " "

DIED - AUG. 16, 1935

(See reverse)

PC
3 June 1952

From: Commandant
To: Commander, 7th Coast Guard District (p)

Subj: Verification of service of Robert Merritt Gaskins

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H. L. MORGAN
By direction

JSR/g

Return to 3-2 (Mrs. Rountree) Date mailed: 6-4-

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
COMMANDER,
FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BOX 540
NORFOLK 1, VIRGINIA

p
28 May, 1952
GD5/LL/P20-2

From: Commander, FIFTH Coast Guard District
To: Commandant (PC)

Subj: Robert Merritt Gaskins; service of

1. In compliance with HQ letter dated 27 May, 1952, the records of this command have been examined and there is no record of service of subject man.

2. Inasmuch as information furnished indicates that this man was serving as Keeper at Southport, North Carolina at the time of his death on 16 August, 1935, it is believed that any record of his employment will be filed with the records of the former 6th Lighthouse District.

N. Lester Braun
N. LESTER BRAUN
By direction

PC
27 May 1952

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To: Commander, 5th Coast Guard District (p)

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H. L. MORGAN
By direction

JSR/g

Return to 3-2

Date mailed:

PC
25 June 1952

Mrs. Sadie M. Gaskins
816 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Gaskins:

Reference is made to your letter of 27 April 1952 concerning widow's benefits under Public Law 719, 81st Congress, approved August 19, 1950.

In order for a widow to be eligible for such benefits, her husband must have been retired from the Lighthouse Service under the provisions of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act or have died while employed by the Lighthouse Service after having served at least 15 years in such service.

The record shows that Mr. Gaskins was employed from 3 October 1924 to 16 August 1935. Accordingly it would appear that you are ineligible for benefits. However, the final determination of eligibility is made by the U. S. Civil Service Commission; therefore, your case has been forwarded to that Agency. You will receive a notice of decision from that office.

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

JSR/g

Return to 3-2

Date mailed: 6/25/52



816 Greenfield St.
Welmington N.C.
April 27 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you the application I filled out and also my husband discharged papers from Coast Guard, death certificate and marriage certificate.

Would appreciate it very much if you would send them back to me after you have looked them over.

Thanking you very much.

Sincerely.

Mrs Sadie M Jostkins
816 Greenfield St
Wilmington
N.C.

3-2
file 76

Tacoma, Washington.
June 21st, 1952.

Commandant U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sir:

This is to advise you that hereafter my permanant adress will be 4806, 15th Street North, Tacoma, Washington.

I am.

Very truly yours.,

William S. Denning

William S. Denning, Depot Keeper Retired,
4806, 15th Street North,
Tacoma, Washington.

Address changed
6-25-52

R. M. GASKINS.

Resigned as keeper to accept appointment as Life Attendant, effective 5/15/25

Died 5/16/25

Out

R. M. GASKINS.

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

R.M.

FEB 27 1925

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IS GASKINS TRANSFER APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ON FORM SEVENTY THREE SUBMITTED FEBRUARY TWENTY FOURTH

BECK

Rec'd

Washington D C February 27 1925

Lighthouse Superintendent Charleston South Carolina

R.M

Transfer Gaskins approved

Putnam

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CONFIRMATION to 6th:

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

EF:LP

June 22, 1925.

Secretary,
Fifth Civil Service District,
Post Office Building,
Atlanta, Ga.

Subject: Promotion of R.M. Gaskins, Lighthouse Keeper from $840. to $1020 per annum.

Reference: Your letter of June 19, 1925- file C 2/8.14
Telegram from this office of June 22, 1925.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Const.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm'l Asst.
Dept. Comm.
Comm.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of June 19, 1925, the following telegram was sent you:

"This office had no Civil Service authority for promotion Robert M Gaskins Increase was result of general readjustment of pay and included ration allowance formerly paid but not included in base pay given in appointment Letter of explanation follows "

The following is complete record of service of Mr. R.M. Gaskins in this Lighthouse District; showing changes in rates of pay etc.:

Appointed as additional keeper in the Sixth Lighthouse District xx under probationary appointment and entered on duty Oct. 5, 1924. The position of additional keeper is an entrance position, such employees being assigned to a station for training with a view to transfer on occurrence of a suitable vacancy. Mr. Gaskins was transferred from the position of additional keeper to the position of 2d assistant keeper at Charleston Light Station effective Dec. 16, 1924 at the same salary he received as additional keeper, $840. per annum.

While Mr. Gaskins was serving in position of 2d assistant keeper at Charleston Light Station at a salary of $840 per annum the general adjustment of pay of positions of keepers was approved by the Department and retroactive as of July 1, 1924. Retroactive pay due individual keepers was on the basis of adjustments of pay of positions actually occupied by them and prior to the adjustment of pay Mr. Gaskins' base pay was $840. per annum. He received however, an additional amount of $164.25 per annum for commutation of rations. Under the readjustment schedule the commutation of rations $164.25 was included in his appointment as base pay. Under the readjustment in salary his position carried an increase of $15.75 making the total base pay carried in his appointment as $1020 instead of $840. The actual increase of $15.75 was not regarded in the nature of a promotion, as the salary of $1020 per annum is the salary fixed in the adjusted compensation schedule for the position.

Respectfully,

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy forwarded for information of the Bureau with letter from the Secretary, 5th Civil Service District attached.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

GPO

ADDRESS:
THE SECRETARY FIFTH CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING, ATLANTA, GA.

IN YOUR ANSWER PLEASE REFER TO
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1925 JUN 24 AM 8 5

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CHARLESTON
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FIFTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

COMPRISING ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, ATLANTA, GA.

June 19, 1925.

Superintendent,
6th U. S. Lighthouse District,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:-

Inquiry has been made of this office by the Civil Service Commission regarding the promotion during probation of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, lighthouse keeper, from $840 to $1020 per annum. Please wire me immediately whether you received either from this office or from the Civil Service Commission in Washington, through your Department, prior authority for this promotion. If such authority was obtained, it will be appreciated if you will send me a copy of the letter.

Very respectfully,

L. A. Moyer,
District Secretary.

GPO

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

August 24, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 26 AM 9 05

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Assistance rendered by light attendant.

Reference: Regulations 1918, art. 496.

1. Enclosed herewith is letter from Mr. G. R. Fodale, President of the Universal Fish & Prawn Co., of Southport, N. C., showing appreciation of assistance rendered him by Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Light Attendant, of the Lower Cape Fear River Lights, Southport, N.C.

2. It is not considered that the assistance which was rendered was under hazardous or trying conditions that would entitle the light attendant to a commendation by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, or the Secretary of Commerce.

3. The letter from Mr. G. R. Fodale has been acknowledged and he was advised that employees of the Service are not allowed under the regulations to accept pay or gifts for such service.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses.

T.H.Gregg

T.H.Gregg,
1st Assistant Superintendent.

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1 Enc.

Rep'd. in Bulletin
Oct. 1925

LGJ-EK
Incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
September 1, 1925.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C., with suggestion that you send Light Attendant Gaskins a copy of Mr. Fodale's letter with commendation by your office.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

G. R. FODALE
President & Treasurer

M. FODALE
Secretary

Universal Fish & Prawn Co.

Incorporated

Southport, North Carolina

August 22nd, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 26 AM 9 05

Superintendent 6th Light House,
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Sir:-

One of my boats broke down on Corn Cake Shoals, and Mr. R. M. Gaskins was so kind to tow the boat in, and I offered to compensate him for his trouble and kindness in helping me so much, but he refused to accept any compensation, stating that it was his duty to help anybody who was in distress. I ce tainly do appreciate his kindness in helping me so much, and I greatly congratulate you on having such a kind man in your service.

In the meantime, I would like to ask you if there is any charge that I might pay, and if so, kindly advise me and I will gladly mail you check at once.

Thanking you and Mr. Gaskins so much, and with best wishes for the service I am

Yours very truly,

UNIVERSAL FISH & PRAWN COMPANY
BY _____
PRESIDENT.

GRF/d

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.
Sept. 3, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Mr. R.M. Gaskins, Light Attendant,
Southport, N.C.

Subject: Commendation.
Enclosure: Copy of letter of Aug. 22, 1925 from Universal Fish & Prawn Co. to Supt.

1. Referring to the enclosure it gives me pleasure to commend you for your action in giving assistance to one of the boats of the Univeral Fish and Prawn Co. which broke down on Corn Cake Shoals. Your action was in keeping with the practice of the Lighthouse Service to render assistance in the saving of life and property whenever the occasion requires it.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Rec'd in Inspection
Oct. 1, 1925

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.
October 30, 1925.

Hydro
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Adm Asst

Mr. R.M. Gaskins, Light Attendant,
Southport, N.C.

Subject: Commendation, by Superintendent of 6th District.

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the officer in charge Cape Fear Coast Guard Station, reporting valuable services rendered by you on Oct. 22, 1925, by walking a distance of two miles to give information as to a stranded vessel in the mouth of the Cape Fear River not visible from the station and then giving all the assistance you could in pulling the vessel off a lee shore during a strong southwest wind and sea.

Active cooperation such as you gave in this instance is naturally greatly appreciated by the Coast Guard and I take pleasure in commending you officially for what you did.

In Mos. Mons. Rep.
Prof. Dec. Bur.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

April 26, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C. - Nominations of keepers for

REFERENCES: Indorsement of this office dated Dec.8/25 on Bureau letter of Nov.19/25, Bureau file 320.

Bureau ind. of Apr. 19/26 on Bureau letter of Apr.7/26 approved by Department Apr. 14/26.

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1. In compliance with Bureau instructions contained in indorsement of Apr. 19, 1926, enclosed herewith are nominations for keeper and assistant keeper of Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C. This group of lights was authorized changed from class of lights attended by light attendants to class of lights attended by regular keepers, and positions of keeper and assistant keeper authorized by Department Apr. 14, 1926.

paid from Appro. Gen. Exp. L.H.S. paid from Appro. Sal. Kprs. of Lt. Hses

2. Mr. Robert M. Gaskins entered the L.H. Service by appointment as additional keeper, Oct. 5, 1924 after competitive examination. In order to accept employment as Light Attendant of Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C., he resigned as 2d Asst. Keeper June 5, 1925. It is not considered by this office that Mr. Gaskins' resignation from position of 2d Asst. Keeper effected his Civil Service status, and that his change to Light Attendant was in the nature of a transfer. It is therefore considered that his proposed change back to the light keeper class is also a transfer and his nomination is so worded.

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3. Nomination for Mr. Sullivan B. Fisher as Assistant Keeper recommends his appointment by reinstatement. Mr. Fisher resigned from the position of 1st Asst. Keeper at Hunting Island L.H., effective at the close of Dec. 31, 1924 after continuous service as 2d and 1st Asst. Keeper from Oct. 27, 1919 to date of resignation, Dec. 31, 1924, over 5 years. As Mr. Fisher is entitled to veteran preference no waiver of the one year reinstatement rule is necessary.

4. With reference to Department Circular No. A-2 of Jan. 29, 1926, forwarded by Bureau indorsement of Feb. 10, 1926, and Personnel Regulations of the Department of Commerce, effective Dec. 1, 1925:

the following requirement is noted: Par. 63 - "Recommendations for reinstatement will be submitted to the department on Form S.S.-93." No Forms S.S.93 were furnished with Bureau indorsement of Feb. 10,1926 on Department Circular A-2.

5. It is not clear to this office whether it is necessary in this case that Form S.S. 93 be used for the reason that the nominee is entitled to reinstatement within 5 years from date of separation on account of veteran preference.

6. The last day of actual service rendered by Sullivan B. Fisher was Dec.31/24. Salary received at that time, $1020 per an. and quarters valued at $240 per annum. Members of family in Civil Service, one brother-in-law. Mr. Fisher is particularly well qualified for the position recommended for the reason that he has lived in the vicinity of the 19 lights comprising the Lower Cape Fear group over 10 years and possesses local knowledge of the water ways where the lights are located, and during the period of over 5 years that he has served in the L.H. Service has become familiar with the various kinds of lighting apparatus he will have under his care.

H. L. BECK
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.
Jan. 20,1927

Mar 1.1927.

Mr. R.M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Bald Head L.H. etc.,
Southport, N.C.

Subject: Commendation by Superintendent.

1. A letter has been received from Mr. J.H. Thompson on board the Yacht BEATRICE at Miami, Fla., under date of Jan. 18, 1927 reporting that while cruising south last fall the yacht went aground between Corncake Inlet and Southport. He states that you, while on your way from Southport to Bald Head L.H. in the station launch went to the aid of the yacht and piloted it into the channel. He wrote to express appreciation at what he regards as your commendable service.

2. I am very glad to receive the information in regard to your action on the occasion in question and take pleasure in commending you for what you did.

H.L. BECK.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses together with a copy of the letter from Mr. Thompson.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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On Board Yacht "BEATRICE"A
Miami, Fla.

Jan. 18, 1927

Hon. Supt. LightHouses,

Dear Sir:

While cruising South this fall we went aground on our way from Corncake Inlet to Southport, N.C.

We grounded at the junction of Muddy Slue and Cape Fear River, and seemed to be stuck, as every time we would try to get into the river we would run aground.

Then a Light House tender on its way from Southport to Bald Head L.H., came to our aid and piloted us into the channel. The gentleman running the tender wouldnt accept any pay whatever so I deemed it no more than just to learn the gentleman's name (R.M. Gaskins) and let you know of his commendable service.

Respectfully yours,

James H. Thompson.

Rep'd. in Bulletin. Mar. 1 1927.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Enclosure Received

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C. Jan. 31, 1927

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Commendation on account of service rendered to endangered persons and property.

Reference: Regulations, Article 496.

Enclosure: Copy of letter from R.M. Gaskins, Keeper.

Rec'd in Bulletin Mch. 1, 1927.

1. The enclosure is self-explanatory. Mr. R.M. Gaskins is keeper of Bald Head L.H. and fifteen other lights in the Lower Cape Fear River. It will be noted from his report that he started out to render this assistance at 5:30 in the morning. It is a fact that the worst gale of the winter season was blowing at the time. The fact that he was able to render this assistance is due primarily to the fact that he is a thoroughly competent boatman, but at the same time I desire to invite attention to the fact that it could not have been done if he were not provided with a thoroughly seaworthy launch with an engine of ample power installed in it. This occurrence is an illustration of the necessity of furnishing the keeper of that station with a launch of the best type as has been previously pointed out.

2. It is recommended that Mr. R.M. Gaskins, keeper, be commended by the Commissioner for the action taken by him on the occasion in question as reported in his enclosed letter.

H.L. BECK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY:LP

Bald Head L.H.,
Southport, N.C.,
Jan. 27th, 1927.

Inclosure

From: R.M. Gaskins.
To: Supt. 6th Dist.

Subject: Assistance rendered Cape Fear Coast Guard.

Sir:- Mar. 1, 1927.

1. At 3:30 Am this morning one of the crew of the Cape Fear Coast Guard St. came to the Bald Head Station and reported that the crew of the Cape Fear Station were in distress in the mouth of the Cape Fear River, asked if I would go to their assistance. I took the Station Launch and Mr. Perry of the Coast Guard and proceeded immediately to their assistance, taking the entire crew off the launch, and bringing them to the Station making every effort possible in their behalf.

2. In the early part of the night a ship was sighted on Frying Pan Shoals apparently in distress, and Capt. M.M. Pigott of the Cape Fear Station proceeded to her assistance. After making every effort possible without avail he decided to return to the Station. In the Mouth of the River near Bald Head his motor refused to work and he anchored during the worst blizzard of the year. He and his entire crew were very grateful to me for the assistance rendered, as they were all in a weakened condition from exposure.

3. At eleven am today I made an attempt to bring the Surfboat in the River but found it impossible on account of high winds and sea.

Respectfully,

R.M. Gaskins,
Keeper.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Feb. 5, 1927

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Commendation - R.M. Gaskins, Keeper.

Reference: My report and recommendation of Jan. 31, 1927.

Inclosure: Letter from Officer in Charge Cape Fear Coast Guard Station.

Jan. 31, 1927.

1. The inclosed report by the Officer in Charge, verifies the report made by Keeper R.M. Gaskins which was forwarded with my letter of Jan. 31, 1927.

2. In view of the hazardous and trying conditions under which this rescue was effected it is recommended that the matter be brought to the attention of the Secretary of Commerce.

H.L. BEOK,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Cape Fear
COAST GUARD STATION

Seventh
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Southport, N.C.,
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From: Officer in charge, Cape Fear Station.
To: Inspector, 6th Light House District.

Subject: Light Keeper, R.M.Gaskins.

1. I wish to express to you my gratitude for the valuable, and timely service, rendered to my-self and crew of Cape Fear Station U.S.C.G. on the morning of the 27th January 1927. After we had drifted until about 3:30 a.m. in the morning in our open boat, through a blinding snow storm, in a sixty (60) mile gale, with a temperature of 24 degrees F. Light Keeper R.M.Gaskins with the Light House boat went to us in Cape Fear River Inlet with a sea running mountain high, and taken us from our stalled motor boat with very much danger to him-self and boat. He then carried us to his home and a fire, also giving us hot coffee to restore circulation.

2. My-self and crew are very grateful to Light Keeper R.M.Gaskins, and words cannot express our appreciation ect.

Melville M. Pigott

Melville M.Pigott,
Officer in charge.

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February 26, 1927.

Mar. 1. 1927.

Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lights, North Carolina,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

Your report of January 27, 1927, has been submitted to me and I have been much impressed in reading of your action at 3:30 o'clock in the morning of January 27 in rescuing the crew of the Cape Fear Coast Guard launch. I particularly note that a violent gale was blowing at the time and that you could not have been successful in this rescue without expert seamanship and personal bravery. It gives me great pleasure to commend you for this action and have the matter noted as a part of your official history in the Department.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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November 25, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Keeper R. M. Gaskins - counter charges against.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of two letters dated Oct. 15/27 of R. M. Gaskins to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to paragraph 5 of my letter of Oct. 15, 1927 to the Commissioner on the subject of Sullivan B. Fisher, Asst. Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, etc., recommending dismissal of Sullivan B. Fisher, in which it was stated that investigation would be made and report submitted to the Bureau; relative counter charges made by Sullivan B. Fisher against R. M. Gaskins:

I have to report that a copy of Sulhivan B. Fisher's counter charges was submitted to Mr. Gaskins and in reply he wrote two letters both dated Oct. 15, 1927, copies of which are enclosed.

2. On Nov. 3, 1927, I made an inspection of Bald Head L.H. and other aids to navigation in that locality, and took occasion to investigate Fisher's counter charges against Mr. Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins freely admitted that in July, 1925, a little over a month after he was sent to Cape Fear from Charleston, he was found guilty of possessing liquor and paid the cost in court. He acknowledged that he was intoxicated. This occurred in the town of Southport and not on the Lighthouse Reservation. In view of Mr. Gaskins' admission of this I did not question anybody in Southport merely because of the time that would be lost in going there and making further investigation. Other investigation was not considered necessary as it could only have proven what Gaskins had already admitted. I did question Mr. C. N. Swan, Keeper, Mr. D. F. Jennette, 1st Asst. and Mr. J. E. Smith, 2nd Asst. at Cape Fear L.H., as to what they knew about the matter. Mr. Swan knew nothing except from hearsay and it corresponded with what Mr. Gaskins had admitted. Mr. Jennette and Mr. Smith are both frequent visitors at Bald Head L.H., and they both stated that they had never seen Mr. Gaskins drink intoxicating liquor or under its influence while on the ~~xxxxxxx~~ reservation. Mr. Jennette stated that he had seen Mr. Gaskins take a drink in Southport. I was informed by one person that Mr. Gaskins would not tell a lie about anything, and I am inclined to think that statemer is true. He seems to admit the truth no matter how much it may injure him. He told me that he had never had intoxicating liquor on the L.H. Reservation except on the one occasion when he took it there for the use of his wife when she was ill of influenza, and to the best of his recollection a doctor in Southport advised him to obtain the liquor for her if he could. Gaskins said he supposed the best thing for him to do was never to take another drink, and I informed that that was certainly true. He promised that he would not drink any more. He is an exceptionally good keeper. He has been ~~xxxxxxxxx~~recommended for meritorious acts on several occasions. I believe it is true that he is responsible for having informed the authorities th liquor was being manufactured in the vicinity of Bald Head L.H., and that he did t in an effort to have this breaking of the law stopped.

3. I have delayed submitting a report and recommendation for some time on this case because of having been undecided as to what recommendation should be made. In view of the time that has elapsed since the offense was committed, and that Mr. Gaskins' record is otherwise exceptionally good, I am now disposed to recommend, and do recommend that a letter of caution be addressed to him by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that he be warned that a repetition of the offense of drinking intoxicating liquor will be cause for drastic disciplinary action.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMP Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., December 2, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending paragraph three for approval, copy of Bureau letter of caution to be furnished the Department. In connection with this matter, attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of October 17 on the Superintendent's letter of October 13, recommending the dismissal of Assistant Keeper Sullivan B. Fisher, which was approved by Department letter of October 26.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Bald Head L.H.
Oct. 15th, 1927.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S. C.

Reference: Your letter Oct. 13th.

Sir:

July 22, 1925, not 1926, a little over a month after you sent me here from Charleston I submitted to the charge of possessing liquor and paid the cost of the court. Mr. Fisher has always known this and has tried to use it to his advantage in doing as he pleased on this job. February last when I threatened to report him for not being on time, he told me that he would make me sweat if I ever reported him, and asked me to go ahead and report him, that he had me where he wanted me. This fact did not deter me however, and after repeatedly warning him without any effect I took the matter to your office.

I have never been proud of the fact that I got drunk, in fact I was ashamed of it after I realized what I had done, and since that time I have been straight and tried to be right in every way. When I came here there was whiskey being made here and I was instrumental in breaking it up. I took Mr. Fisher and my ax on one occasion and went in the woods and wrecked the site of a still.

The time he has reference to in regards to liquor on the launch was when my wife nearly died with influenza. I went to Southport and got some for her.

Respectfully.

R. M. Gasking,
Keeper.

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Bald Head L.H.,
Oct. 15th, 1927.

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Supt. of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

I realize the fact that I should not make my letters personal to you, but in this case I feel justified, I have some information to divulge that I would rather leave to your judgment as to making it official.

The whiskey mentioned in my letter to your office on this date was obtained from Fishers Bro-in-law Cliff Boyd, the man that was asst. kpr at Cape Fear Sta. His other Bro-in-law, John Varnum, brought the material i.e. the boiler for the still, and the barrels to put the liquor in and landed it right at Fisher's door, Fisher has never made any report of this. They were all colleagued together when I came here, and I broke them up and got them away. This does not appeal to the Boyd and Varnum family and since Fisher has reported me they are all waiting for the execution with hair on end.

If you find it necessary to dismiss me from the service for anything that you find that I have done in my letter to you please delay the matter till after U.S. Court is held in Wilmington, I think in Nov. (will let you know definitely later) in which Mr. Boyd is indicted and some more of his gang.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins,
Kpr.

P.S. When court convenes I think you will find that I have been working in the interest of the office as well as the Govt. and myself. Please send me a card of some kind so I will know you recd this.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the Sixth Superintendent's recommendation of November 26, 1927, forwarded by the Bureau's indorsement of December 2, 1927, that Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper at $1500 per annum at Lower Cape Fear Lights, North Carolina, be cautioned by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that he be warned that a repetition of the offense of drinking intoxicating liquor will be cause for drastic disciplinary action. It is noted that the Department will be furnished with a copy of the Bureau's letter of caution.

By direction of the Secretary:

L. O. Crosthwait
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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December 15, 1927.

Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear Lights, N. C.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report submitted by the Superintendent in which it is stated that you were charged with and found guilty of possessing and drinking intoxicating liquor in July, 1925, for which you paid the cost in court. You are advised that this constitutes a most serious violation of the Regulations and you are hereby cautioned that a repetition of this offense will be considered as sufficient cause for more drastic disciplinary action.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 6th Dist.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. Lt. 49 *Sheet No.* 6(b)-35

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. [illegible] (Surname) Albert (Given name) W (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station
   (b) Subdivision 6th Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town Lower Cape Fear River Lights State [illegible]
6. Pay roll title Assistant Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation
9. Present gross rate of pay $
10. Deduction for allowances $ 240
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1560

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
   ☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind
   Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
   Uniform = $10.00
13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value Free medical treatment by U.S. Public Health Service
14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [illegible] m. to [illegible] m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
   Summer variable Winter [illegible] (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day [illegible];
   number of days per { week 48-60 / month / year } 48-60 (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty
16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime available for duty at any time. (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
   Assign regular work, instructs assistant in details of work and plans.
   (c) How many? 1
18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

   Thomas L. Willis 6(b)-36

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
   Follows prescribed plans, or general instructions but executes details virtually on own responsibility, with only occasional reference to a superior for advice and instructions.
20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior?
   H. L. Beck, Superintendent of Lighthouses. 6(a)-1
21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
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				X																				

   Other education (describe):
22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
   1/2 years as additional keeper and assistant keeper.

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23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time

range I have 15 automatic flashing acetylene, and 3 kerosene range lights in my charge and care on the Lower Cape Fear River, N. C. My duties are to clean and keep in perfect operation these lights at all times. The weather and tide conditions render it impossible for me to give an approximate idea of the time required for this task, as only flood tide can be used, and then only under favorable weather conditions. I have in the past attended these lights at night, after being delayed in bad weather.

I live in quarters furnished by the U.S.L.H.S., which have to be painted inside and out at different intervals, kept neat and clean including the landscape.

A gasoline launch is also furnished which has to be painted and kept neat and clean and in perfect operating condition at all times.

Bald Head L. H., also in my charge has to be whitewashed and painted at different intervals, but on account of the irregularity of the attention of the range lights, no definite idea of the amount of time required for the performance of the above duties can be given by me. It would be impossible to arrange a schedule and work by it on this job.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

/s/ R. M. Gaskins
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

I concur in the above. About 60% of his time is spent in attending a group of minor lights between the mouth of the Cape Fear River and a point about 15 miles up the river. 30% of his time is spent in taking care of the launch, going to Southport for Mail and supplies, storing supplies, cleaning and painting Bald Head L.H., the dwelling and grounds and the boat landing. 10% of his time is occupied in keeping the journal and other station records, making reports, writing letters. Value of Govt. property in his care about $50,000.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since May 11, 1926.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

September 12th 1928 H. [illegible] (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent of Lighthouses (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1380 to $ 1680

September 12th, 1928 H. [illegible] Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ ---------- to $ no range has been in effect.

SEP 20 1928, 1928 H. B. BOWERMAN Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Date) (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) (Title)

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., (City) March 18 (Date), 1930

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase present salary by $240 per annum in lieu of quarters.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins.

Position, Keeper.

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.

Effective, March 13, 1930 [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Legal residence, North Carolina.

Proposed salary, $1800 per annum

Proposed range, No range for this position.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Former position, The same.

Location, The same.

Former salary, $1560 per annum.

Former range, No range.

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

Previous incumbent, No change in incumbent.

Reason, -

Services terminated, will not terminate.

Members of family in Government service, Two. (Brother-in-law & Son-in-law.)

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: This increase in salary is recommended in lieu of quarters formerly provided by the Government, and which were destroyed by fire in the early morning of March 13/30. See accompanying letter.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19----

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

RG:EMF

March 21, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to the statement under remarks above. The present pay of $1560 per annum was established in consideration of the fact that the position was also provided with family quarters, the regular valuation of which is $240; and as the position is now deprived of family quarters, it is recommended that the salary be increased as indicated.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COPY FOR COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

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

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JOSIAH WILLIAM BAILEY
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 16, 1931

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Hon. G. R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of your letter of April 14th, advising that the request of Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper of the Lower Cape Fear River Lighthouse, North Carolina, for a transfer from the sixth to the fifth Lighthouse District, is under consideration and that you will advise Senator Bailey further in regard to the matter, at an early date.

Senator Bailey directs that I express to you his appreciation of your kindness in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Thad Page

Secretary

P/s

JOSIAH WILLIAM BAILEY
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Left at Bureau's Office by Secretary to Senator Bailey of N.C. to whom letter is to be returned. Apr. 11, 1931

Raleigh, N. C.

April 8, 1931 - JWB:PEB.

My dear Thad:

I attach ~~hereto~~ letter to Senator Lindsey from Mr. Gaskins. You will see what he wants. I wish you would see what can be done and how we should go about getting it done.

Yours,

JWB.

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., April 14,1931.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., for report and return.

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Southport, N.C.,
March 22nd 1931.

The Hon. T.H. Lindsey,
House of Representatives,
Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

In all probability the opening of the inland waterway between Beaufort, N.C., and Southport, N.C., will offer some opportunities for some Light Keepers that are already in the Lighthouse Service, and my desire is to be transferred from my present position of Keeper of the Lower Cape Fear River lights 6th Dist., Charleston, S.C., To the 5th Dist., Baltimore, M.D., so it will enable me to get nearer home.

My wifes father lives at Beaufort NC., and is almost destitute. He has one son that is married and is not in position to help him as he himself is in bad health. We would take him with us here, but he is unwilling to leave his home and in Beaufort.

I have eleven years service. Two years during the late war, two and one half in the U.S. Coast Guard, and six and one half in my present position, U.S. Lighthouse Service.

Thanking you for any favors you will be able to show me, and wishing you all success in your future career I am.

Very Sincerely Yours,

R. M. Gaskins.

R.M. Gaskins,
Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,
Southport, N.C.

April 14, 1931.

Hon. Josiah William Bailey,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Bailey:

1. In reference to your letter of April 8, which was left in the Bureau's office by your secretary on April 11, in the interest of Mr. R. M. Gaskins, Keeper of Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N. C., who desires a transfer from the 6th to the 5th Lighthouse District:

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

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMP

Bailey & Gaskins letter sent & ack for
rept & return

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CHARLES L. ABERNETHY
3D DIST. NORTH CAROLINA

MARION L. OVERBY
SECRETARY

COMMITTEE:
APPROPRIATIONS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

IGHTHOUSES 1934 MAR 2 - AM 9:10

1934 MAR 2 - AM 8:52

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES MAR 8 1934 BALTIMORE

3/2/34 yacht
3/6/34 wrote Abernethy
copy 8th

March 1st., 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in behalf of Mr. R. M. Gaskins Keeper of the Lower Cape Fear River Lights, who has applied for transfer to the Fifth Lighthouse District. It is my understanding that The Superintendent of the Sixth Lighthouse District has approved Mr. Gaskins' application, and I hope that you will authorize his transfer.

Thanking you for your courtesy to me in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Charles L. Abernethy

Asst.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clk.
Asso. Engr.
Asst. Engr. (1)
Asst. Engr. (2)
Junior Engr.
Hydrog.
Accountant
Drafting
Personnel
Cost Kpg.
Prep. Clk.
Stenog.
Messenger
File

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
March 2, 1934.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

March 2, 1934.

Hon. Charles L. Abernethy,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abernethy:

1. In reference to your letter of March 1, in behalf of Mr. R. M. Gaskins, who desires transfer to the Fifth Lighthouse District:

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

Very truly yours,

E-K

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 MAR - 5 - AM 9 : 52

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

3/6/34 Wrote Abernethy
Copy to C

March 3, 1934.

2nd Endorsement.

Subject: Request of Keeper R. M. Gaskins, 6th Dist., for transfer to 5th District.

Reference: Bureau end. of Mar. 2 on letter of Mar. 1 from Cong. C. L. Abernethy.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that there is no vacancy to which Keeper Gaskins could be transferred. In the near future, we will have a surplusage of Keepers and there is a possibility we will have to furlough one or two men.

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

March 6, 1934.

Hon. Charles L. Abernethy,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abernethy:

In further reference to your letter of March 1, in the interest of Mr. R. M. Gaskins who desires transfer from his position of keeper in the sixth lighthouse district to a similar position in the fifth lighthouse district:

You are respectfully informed that there is no vacancy in the fifth district to which Mr. Gaskins' transfer could be effected at the present time. Owing to the economy program it is expected that it will be necessary to furlough several keepers in the fifth district in the near future so that the prospects of a suitable vacancy for Mr. Gaskins are not very good at the present time. His application will be made of record, however, and consideration given to him when opportunity permits. The inclosures accompanying your letter in the matter are herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses

RG-MK

COPY to 5th. for information and with request that Keeper Gaskins be considered when an opportunity occurs.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., August 17, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins — Position, Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,

Legal residence, North Carolina — Station, Southport, N. C.

Salary, $1860 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:

Mr. Gaskins died August 16, 1935.

H.L.Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 20 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for filing herewith.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

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M. B. WATKINS, Commander R. C. ST.GEORGE, Finance Officer GEO. R. FOULKE, JR., Adjutant

BRUNSWICK COUNTY POST NO. 194

AUG 29 AM 11

Southport, N. C.

August 27.,1935

9/4 wrote St. George
Copy to B A

Department of Commerce
Light House Service
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins, of Southport, N. C., died here on August 16th., 1935. He passed the Civil Service examination on July 1st., 1924, for the Light House Service, and was appointed October 1st., 1927, serving in this service continously until his death.

I am writing this to find out whether or not his widow Mrs. Sadie Gaskins, is entitled to any form of Pension, and to know the amount deducted from his salary as Civil Service Benifits, in order that his widow may file claim for any benefits that may be due her.

Thanking you for this information, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Robert C. St. George

Robert C. St. George
Commander Brunswick County
Post No. 194, American Legion

September 4, 1935.

Mr. Robert C. St. George,
Commander, Brunswick County
Post No. 194, American Legion,
Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of August 27 inquiring as to a pension for the widow of Mr. Robert M. Gaskins of Southport, N. C., who died on August 16:

Mr. Gaskins occupied the position of a keeper in this Service which positions are under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act and which does not involve any deductions from the employee's pay, as is the case under the general civil service retirement act. Accordingly there is no refund of retirement deductions due Mrs. Gaskins, nor is there any other pension payment due her, as the retirement legislation makes no provision for the widow or other dependents of deceased employees.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 6th

U. S. COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300 (PM&C)

WASHINGTON, D.C. MAY 6 6 30 PM 1952 21

SAVE THE EASY WAY
BUY U.S. BONDS ON
PAYROLL SAVINGS

CHARGE OUT (REQUEST FOR FOLDER)

1. LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE INITIAL OF EMPLOYEE

Gaskins, Robert Merritt

2. DATE OF BIRTH

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3. PURPOSE OF REQUEST

a. ☐ TRANSFER b. ☑ LOAN

4. RECORD GROUP LOANED

5. ACTION TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE

a. ☑ FOLDER ENCLOSED

b. ☐ FLAGGED, FOLDER TO BE FORWARDED WHEN LOCATED

c. ☐ FOLDER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IS ENCLOSED

6. FOLDER FORWARDED

5/22/52

TO: Commandant

ADDRESS: U. S. Coast Guard
Hdqs.
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dept. of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouse Files
R G 26 - Box 78

FRC-11 (Revised Mar 28, 1952) Temp.

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

5/22 1952

Attention: Records Management Officer or Personnel Officer

☑ The enclosed material (data) is transmitted in accordance with your recent request.

☐ Reply to that portion of your communication pertaining to other listed names is forthcoming, since those records are serviced by another section of the Center maintaining those record groups.

☐ The enclosed Official Personnel Folder is transmitted for your use, in lieu of the information requested on your recent communication, since it is indicated that the employee is currently employed or is being considered for employment by your agency. If the individual concerned is employed or rehired, the folder should be retained and consolidated with the folder covering current service; otherwise, folder should be returned to the Federal Records Center at the address shown below.

☐ Records (data) for the following listed names could not be located, however an exhaustive search is being made, and when located, will be transmitted.

☑ Remarks
OPF for Borcello, Joseph was forwarded your office on a loan basis 4/19/52

☑ Remarks: OPF for Gaskins, Robert Merritt is forwarded your Office on a loan basis. When it has served its purpose, request it be returned to.

J. J. McLAUGHLIN
Chief, Reference Service Branch
Federal Records Center
General Services Administration
1724 Locust Street
St. Louis 3, Missouri

FRC-2 (Revised Feb. 14,1952) TRANSMITTAL SLIP
(Temp)

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
COMMANDANT
U. S. COAST GUARD
HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

PC
6 May, 1952
FILE:

Civilian Personnel Records Branch
Records Administration Center
1724 Locust Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

It is requested that this office be granted temporary withdrawal of the Official Personnel Folders for the following former employees of the U. S. Coast Guard or Lighthouse Service:

Barcello, Joseph
Gaskins, Robert Merritt

By direction of the Commandant:

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Robert M. Lackins (Name) — N. C. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—3040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob.	$840	L.H. 6th Dist	Oct 3/24
"	Trans.	"	" Charleston L.S.S.C.	Dec 16/24
"	Red. Trans	1020	"	Feb 1/25
"	Trans	1140	" Cape Romain L.S. SC.	
	RESIGNED CLOSE OF June 5, 1925:			
"	Restoration & Duty & Pay by Cty from Light attendant	$1500	" Lower Cape Fear " NC	May 11/26.
	To include Quarters	1560	" " " "	JUL 1 1928
Keeper	COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1800	L. H. Lower Cape Fear, N.C.	Mar. 13, 1930.
"		1860	" "	JUL 3 1930
		Died Aug. 16, 1935		

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Edith G. Heath
P.O. Box 1173
Oak Island, NC 28465-9820

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PM
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2005



National Personnel Records Center
Civilian Records Facility
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis MO

63118-4199

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RESPONSE LETTER

RE: Gaskins, Robert	dob: 5-1-1888	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

THE REPLY TO THE INQUIRY WILL BE FOUND IN THE CHECKED ITEM(S)

☒ The attached material is furnished in response to your request. copies of official personnel folder.

☐ Your request did not specify a particular Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action. We have attached a copy of the most recent form. If you require another SF 50, please include the date of the SF 50 and the specific action shown on the form.

☐ This transcript of employment (which has been prepared from pay records) is furnished in lieu of an official personnel folder, which either was never established or cannot be located. File this transcript as a permanent record on the right side of the official personnel folder established for this employee.

☐ The records of employment with the District of Columbia Government and Defense Non-appropriated Fund activities are not combined with the records of other Federal employment. The attached transcript serves as official documentation of the employee's service in lieu of the folder

☐ This form has not been notarized, as we have no notary available. We have affixed the seal of the National Archives and Records Administration, which is generally accepted as sufficient certification.

☐ We cannot answer questions of a personal nature. Unless otherwise indicated, conduct and performance were satisfactory.

☐ The requested information or document is not in the official personnel folder.

☐ The information you requested is not releasable without either written authorization and signature from the person whose records is involved or proof of that person's death. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ A search of our records did not reveal a record of the claimed Federal employment. If additional information or documentation can be submitted to verify the information shown in the request or to otherwise support the claimed employment, we will make a further search. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ Requests involving retirement or insurance information or medical records should be sent to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Programs, 1900 E Street NW. Washington, DC 20415-3000.

☐ Pay claims arising from Federal employment should be sent to the agency out of whose actions the claim arose.

☐ Requests concerning amendment or removal of information in the official personnel folder should be sent to the Assistant Director for Workforce Information, Office of Merit Systems Oversight & Effectiveness, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW. Room 7439, Washington, DC 20415-6000.

☐ We do not have the authority to determine civil service status, reinstatement eligibility, or creditability of service. Contact the personnel office with which you are currently employed or seeking employment, or the Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW. Room 6500, Washington, DC 20415-9300. The attached documents or transcript will assist in making such determinations.

☐ The records you have requested are not on file at this Center.

☐ We suggest you contact the address given below/on the attached printout.

☐ The official personnel folder is not at this Center. Please contact the last or current employing agency.

☐ The agency mentioned in your request does not retire personnel records to this Center. We suggest you write directly to that agency.

Your request, along with the necessary documents, has been forwarded to the office that retains legal custody of the record for processing. Please contact that office at the address given below if you have further questions about this matter.

The requested official personnel folder was sent to the address given below on_____. We suggest you contact that office.

Referral address:

EDITH GASKINS HEATH
P.O. BOX 1173
OAK ISLAND, NC 28465-9820

DATE: November 4, 2005
For the Chief,
☐ Civilian Operations Branch
☒ Reference Service Branch

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Civilian Personnel Records)
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

Post Office Box 1173
Oak Island, NC
28465-9820
05 January 2004

FOLLOW UP REQUEST - 13 OCTOBER 2005

National Personnel Records Center
Civilian Records Facility
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

Re: Robert M. Gaskins
Lighthouse Keeper
Bald Head Island NC
Date of Death: 16 August 1935

Gentlemen:

My father, Robert M. Gaskins, was the Lighthouse Keeper at Bald Head Island NC until his death on the date shown above. He began his service there in the 1920's but I do not have the exact date. I would like to have a copy of his Record of Service since I am 76-1/2 years old and am doing a Family Tree for my descendants.

I do not think personnel had social security numbers back then or I could provide you that by going to Social Security Administration for the information.

My mother, Sadie Mason Gaskins received a small pension from the Lighthouse Service because of my father's time in service. That pension ended when she died in November 1957.

Please help me!

I want so badly to provide my children and grandchildren this information before I die.

Sincerely,
Edith Gaskins Heath
Edith Gaskins Heath
Daughter of
Robert M. Gaskins and
Sadie Mason Gaskins

Inquiry

Last Name	GASKINS
Social Security #	000-00-0000
Date of Birth	00/00/00
Date Assigned	11/01/05
Date Request Rec'd:	OC4
Technician's Name	QUANTE
Referred To	
Completion Date	
BATCH NUMBER	4787

GASKINS, ROBERT

DOD 8-16-1935

TRAESURY DEPARTMENT	
OPF'S (prior to 1952)	Area E Rows 79 – 88 Lower 7 Shelves Back Boxes
OPF'S Comptroller of the Currency (prior to 1953	Area E Rows 88 – 89 Lower 7 Shelves Back Boxes
OPF'S (prior to 1941)	Area E Rows 89 – 92 Lower 7 Shelves Back Boxes
Presidential Appointee Files (prior to 1962)	JL 68506 – 68554
OPF'S for personnel deceased/retired (prior to 1950 and born before 1884)	GU 75611 – 76420 (281)
OPF'S Lighthouse employees U.S. Coast Guard, 17th District Juneau, Alaska	GU 27009 – 27015
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Custodians	Units 15 – 16
1st Series	Units 16 – 17
2nd Series	Units 17 – 21
3rd Series	Units 21 – 22

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 21 1935
1935 AUG - 21 AM 10:07
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., August 17, 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins — Position, Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights,

Legal residence, ~~North~~ FLA. Carolina — Station, Southport, N. C.

Salary, $1860 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:

Mr. Gaskins died August 16, 1935.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
SEP 21 1935
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H. L. Beck
H.L.Beck, Supt. of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

CARDED
AUG 20 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. 11—4023

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Brookhart Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 3, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.



From: 1800.

To: 1860.

6th Keeper.

Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1930.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 13, 1930.

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,

APR 1 1930

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1800 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR - 5 1930 2629 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73 —

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Sixth DISTRICT

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAR 22 1930 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 22 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Charleston, S.C., March 18, 1930
(City) (Date)

COMMERCE MAR 25 1930 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase present salary by $240 per annum in lieu of quarters.

Legal residence, North Carolina.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins,

Proposed salary, $1800 per annum ~~1560~~ 240

Position, Keeper, (unmatched Right)

Proposed range, No range for this position.

Location, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective, March 13, 1930

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, The same.

Former salary, $1560 per annum.

Location, The same.

Former range, No range.

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

Previous incumbent, No change in incumbent.

Services terminated, will not terminate.

Reason, -

Members of family in Government service, Two. (Brother-in-law & Son-in-law.)

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: This increase in salary is recommended in lieu of quarters formerly provided by the Government, and which were destroyed by fire in the early morning of March 13/30. ~~See accompanying letter.~~

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19-----

3/22/30

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck
H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

RG:EMF

March 21, 1930.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to the statement under remarks above. The present pay of $1560 per annum was established in consideration of the fact that the position was also provided with family quarters, the regular valuation of which is $240; and as the position is now deprived of family quarters, it is recommended that the salary be increased as indicated.

Action O. K.

MAR 31 1930 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. R. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500

To: $1560

11—9564

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 2 1928 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CANCELED

DEC 16 1927

RLC:EMF

December 13, 1927.

5 CHIEF CLERK
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Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear Lights, N. C.,
(Thru Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C.).

The Bureau has given careful consideration to a report submitted by the Superintendent in which it is stated that you were charged with and found guilty of possessing and drinking intoxicating liquor in July, 1925, for which you paid the cost in court. You are advised that this constitutes a most serious violation of the Regulations and you are hereby cautioned that a repetition of this offense will be considered as sufficient cause for more drastic disciplinary action.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by_____
Mailed_____ by_____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department has approved the Sixth Superintendent's recommendation of November 26, 1927, forwarded by the Bureau's indorsement of December 2, 1927, that Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper at $1500 per annum at Lower Cape Fear Lights, North Carolina, be cautioned by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that he be warned that a repetition of the offense of drinking intoxicating liquor will be cause for drastic disciplinary action. It is noted that the Department will be furnished with a copy of the Bureau's letter of caution.

By direction of the Secretary:

DEC - 9 1927

S. W. CROSTHWAIT

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1927 NOV 28 AM 9 12

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

November 26, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Keeper R. M. Gaskins - counter charges against.

ENCLOSURES: Copies of two letters dated Oct. 15/27 of R. M. Gaskins to Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Referring to paragraph 5 of my letter of Oct. 13, 1927 to the Commissioner on the subject of Sullivan B. Fisher, Asst. Keeper, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, etc., recommending dismissal of Sullivan B. Fisher, in which it was stated that investigation would be made and report submitted to the Bureau, relative counter charges made by Sullivan B. Fisher against R. M. Gaskins:

I have to report that a copy of Sulhivan B. Fisher's counter charges was submitted to Mr. Gaskins and in reply he wrote two letters both dated Oct. 15, 1927, copies of which are enclosed.

2. On Nov. 3, 1927, I made an inspection of Bald Head L.H. and other aids to navigation in that locality, and took occasion to investigate Fisher's counter charges against Mr. Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins freely admitted that in July, 1925, a little over a month after he was sent to Cape Fear from Charleston, he was found guilty of possessing liquor and paid the cost in court. He acknowledged that he was intoxicated. This occurred in the town of Southport and not on the Lighthouse Reservation. In view of Mr. Gaskins' admission of this I did not question anybody in Southport merely because of the time that would be lost in going there and making further investigation. Other investigation was not considered necessary as it could only have proven what Gaskins had already admitted. I did question Mr. C. N. Swan, Keeper, Mr. D. F. Jennette, 1st Asst. and Mr. J. E. Smith, 2nd Asst. at Cape Fear L.H., as to what they knew about the matter. Mr. Swan knew nothing except from hearsay and it corresponded with what Mr. Gaskins had admitted. Mr. Jennette and Mr. Smith are both frequent visitors at Bald Head L.H., and they both stated that they had never seen Mr. Gaskins drink intoxicating liquor or under its influence while on the reservation. Mr. Jennette stated that he had seen Mr. Gaskins take a drink in Southport. I was informed by one person that Mr. Gaskins would not tell a lie about anything, and I am inclined to think that statement is true. He seems to admit the truth no matter how much it may injure him. He told me that he had never had intoxicating liquor on the L.H, Reservation except on the one occasion when he took it there for the use of his wife when she was ill of influenza, and to the best of his recollection a doctor in Southport advised him to obtain the liquor for her if he could. Gaskins said he supposed the best thing for him to do was never to take another drink, and I informed that that was certainly true. He promised that he would not drink any more. He is an exceptionally good keeper. He has been recommended for meritorious acts on several occasions. I believe it is true that he is responsible for having informed the authorities that liquor was being manufactured in the vicinity of Bald Head L.H., and that he did this in an effort to have this breaking of the law stopped.

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3. I have delayed submitting a report and recommendation for some time on this case because of having been undecided as to what recommendation should be made. In view of the time that has elapsed since the offense was committed, and that Mr. Gaskins' record is otherwise exceptionally good, I am now disposed to recommend, and do recommend that a letter of caution be addressed to him by the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and that he be warned that a repetition of the offense of drinking intoxicating liquor will be cause for drastic disciplinary action.

Robert M. Gaskins, Kpr, Lower Cape Fear LS. 6th L.H. Dist. 1500 pa.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., December 2, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending paragraph three for approval, copy of Bureau letter of caution to be furnished the Department. In connection with this matter, attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of October 17 on the Superintendent's letter of October 13, recommending the dismissal of Assistant Keeper Sullivan B. Fisher, which was approved by Department letter of October 26.

12-5-27

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 8 1927
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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Bald Head L.H.
Oct. 15th, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S. C.

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Reference: Your letter Oct. 13th.

Sir:

July 22, 1925, not 1926, a little over a month after you sent me here from Charleston I submitted to the charge of possessing liquor and paid the cost of the court. Mr. Fisher has always known this and has tried to use it to his advantage in doing as he pleased on this job. February last when I threatened to report him for not being on time, he told me that he would make me sweat if I ever reported him, and asked me to go ahead and report him, that he had me where he wanted me. This fact did not deter me however, and after repeatedly warning him without any effect I took the matter to your office.

I have never been proud of the fact that I got drunk, in fact I was ashamed of it after I realized what I had done, and since that time I have been straight and tried to be right in every way. When I came here there was whiskey being made here and I was instrumental in breaking it up. I took Mr. Fisher and my ax on one occasion and went in the woods and wrecked the site of a still.

The time he has reference to in regards to liquor on the launch was when my wife nearly died with influenza. I went to Southport and got some for her.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gasking,
Keeper.

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Bald Head L.H.,
Oct. 15th, 1927.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Supt. of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

I realize the fact that I should not make my letters personal to you, but in this case I feel justified. I have some information to divulge that I would rather leave to your judgment as to making it official.

The whiskey mentioned in my letter to your office on this date was obtained from Fishers Bro-in-law Cliff Boyd, the man that was asst. kpr at Cape Fear Sta. His other Bro-in-law, John Varnum, brought the material i.e. the boiler for the still, and the barrels to put the liquor in and landed it right at Fisher's door, Fisher has never made any report of this. They were all colleagued together when I came here, and I broke them up and got them away. This does not appeal to the Boyd and Varnum family and since Fisher has reported me they are all waiting for the execution with hair on end.

If you find it necessary to dismiss me from the service for anything that you find that I have done in my letter to you please delay the matter till after U.S. Court is held in Wilmington, I think in Nov. (will let you know definitely later) in which Mr. Boyd is indicted and some more of his gang.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins,
Kpr.

P.S. When court convenes I think you will find that I have been working in the interest of the office as well as the Govt. and myself. Please send me a card of some kind so I will know you recd this.

(COPY)

RG-MK

FEB 26 1927

February 26, 1927.

Robert M. Gaskins, Keeper,
Lower Cape Fear River Lights, North Carolina,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

Your report of January 27, 1927, has been submitted to me and I have been much impressed in reading of your action at 3:30 o'clock in the morning of January 27 in rescuing the crew of the Cape Fear Coast Guard launch. I particularly note that a violent gale was blowing at the time and that you could not have been successful in this rescue without expert seamanship and personal bravery. It gives me great pleasure to commend you for this action and have the matter noted as a part of your official history in the Department.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

LIGHTHOUSES---Secretary's files.
Filed copy of signed by
Mailed by

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

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PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office U. S. L. House Service 6th Dist

1. Name in full Robut Merritt Gaskins (Lower Cape Fear L Sta)

2. Legal (voting) residence ~~North Carolina 6th~~ ~~Southport~~ Brunswick Southport
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina Hatteras When born? May 1 - 1888
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored	
X			X			X		

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
U. S. L. H. Service 6th Dist	Addl Keeper	$840 a	Oct	3	1924	~~June~~ Dec.	~~5~~ 15	~~1925~~ 1924
	Keeper, 2d Asst.	$840	Dec.	16	1925	Jan.	31	1925
	" " "	$1020	Feb.	1	1925	Mar.	1	1925
	" " "	$1140	Mar.	2	1925	June	5	1925
	Light Attendant	$140 p.m.	June	6	1925	May	10	1926
	Keeper,	$1500 p.a.	May	11	1926	Still serving 8/6/26		

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
		X		X	X		

Enlisted Apr 16 1917 Discharged Apr 5 - 1919
Organization U.S.N.R.F.

Enlisted Oct 12 1920 Discharged May 21 1923
Organization U. S. Coast Guard.

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications About 5 or 6 years General Pipe Fitter.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Mrs. R. M. Gaskins (Name) CARDED Wife. (Relationship)
Southport N. C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. Gaskins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 6th 1926 (Date) Present address Southport N. C.

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Data typed in answer to Q. 6, filled in at office from office records.

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

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LIGHTHOUSES
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PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service.

1. Name in full Robert Merritt Gaskins.

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida (State and Congressional District) 2nd Nassau (County) Fernandina. (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina, (State or foreign country) Hatteras. (City or town) When born? May 1, 1888. (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male ✓	Female	Single	Married ✓	Divorced	Widowed	White ✓	Colored

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy ✓	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Apr. 1917 Discharged Apr. 1919 | Enlisted ____ Discharged ____

Organization ____ | Organization ____

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Steam fitter (pipe).

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Sadie Gaskins (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Charleston, S.C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ R. M. Gaskins.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct. 3rd, 1924. (Date) Present address ____

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August 5, 1926.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that the records of the Department are incomplete regarding certain employees as indicated below:

Name	Required	District.
William H. Faulkingham	Oath and history sheet	Second
Robert M. Gaskins	History Sheet	Sixth
Margaret H. Duncan	Oath	Nineteenth
Clarence A. Knight	Oath	Nineteenth

It is requested that the information required be furnished without delay.

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY
Chief Clerk.

Aug. 7, 1926.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 6th Supt. for compliance and return so far as concerns your district.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., August 11, 1926.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with statement that the records of this office show that Personal History Sheet of Robert M. Gaskins, together with his oath of office dated Oct. 3, 1924, was forwarded the Bureau on October 5, 1924.

A copy of Mr. Gaskins' Personal History Sheet is enclosed herewith in event the original has been misplaced in the records of the Department.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent of Lighthouses

T. H. Gregg,
1st Asst. Superintendent.

1 incl.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 17 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information Attention is invited to the Superintendent's statement that Personal History sheet for Gaskins has been previously furnished.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 14 AM
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 14 26
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, Robert M. Gaskins, of [illegible] 1926 JUN 14 PM 2 CHIEF CLERK

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.

☞ Robert M. Gaskins.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 9th day of June, A. D. 1926.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) C. L. Stevens

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires Jany 14 - 1928

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$1500 per an.	Lower Cape Fear River L.H., N.C.
Former [5] Light Attendant	$140 per month	" " " " " "

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 6th District

Charleston, S. C. (Address), June 11, 1926. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 11, 1926. (Date)

CARDED

H.L.Beck
H.L. Beck, Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(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 on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses 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.

U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1926.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

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 One Thousand and Five Hundred dollars per annum

effective May 11, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

Nature of appointment: Restoration to duty of Keeper (by change from Light Attendant).

Civil Service authority: Letter dated May 10, 1926, File JML/Fy.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 19 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

EDW. J. GARDNER,

MAY 18 1926

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE JML/Fy
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

May 10, 1926.



The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

In compliance with the Department's request of May 5, authority is hereby given for the restoration of Robert M. Gaskins to his former status as lighthouse keeper, from which he was separated, June 5, 1925, for appointment as light attendant under Schedule A, Subdivision XI, section 5.

Mr. Gaskins has retained his eligibility for such restoration by continuous service.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,



John T. Doyle

John T. Doyle,
Secretary.

May 5, 1926.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Department requests authority for the reinstatement of Robert M. Gaskins as Keeper at $1500 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, Sixth District, effective beginning May 11, 1926, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Mr. Gaskins has had continuous service in the Lighthouse Service since October 3, 1924, having served from that date to the close of December 15, 1924, as Additional Keeper in the Sixth District; as Second Assistant Keeper at Charleston, South Carolina, from December 16, 1924, to the close of March 1, 1925, and from March 2, 1925, to June 5, 1925, as Second Assistant Keeper at Cape Romain Light House, when he resigned to take the position of Light Attendant at Lower Cape Fear River Lights.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[redacted] CLIFFORD [redacted]

Chief of Appointment Division.

MAY 6 1926

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., April 26, 1926.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins.**

Position, **Keeper,** Prin - (Quarters)

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.**

Effective **May 11, 1926**

Legal residence, **Florida.**

Salary, **$1500 per annum.**
this Sal. with 240 Pa. which is accounted for by 240 Pa for quarters for Prin Keeper.

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

{ ~~the date of his entry on duty~~, or
as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, **$1680 per annum.**

LOWER CAPE FEAR RIVER LIGHTS, N.C.:

Bald Head,
Bald Head Shoal Channel Front & Rear,
Smith Island Range Front & Rear,
Fort Caswell Front,
Battery Island No. 2A,
Lower Swash Channel Front & Rear,
Snow Marsh Channel Front & Rear,
Lower Midnight Channel Front & Rear,
Upper Midnight Channel Front,
Orton Cove Lower Rear,
Orton Cove Upper Front & Rear,
Lower Liliput Channel Front & Rear.
(19 Lights)

Percentage,- , Other eligibles considered:
Dept. auth. this proc. Apr. 14, 1926, will be cleared as "unmatched light" with 2 keepers (Prin + Asst) with pay 1740 + 1140 Resp (no Range) to care for 19 aids shown on attached sheet.
Because only in Bureau.

Services terminated,

ne. Brother-in-law.

d to perform the duties of the position.
mment. Mr. Gaskins previously served as Addnl. 5/24. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Charleston L.H., (2d Asst.), Cape Romain L.H., March 2/25 throug of Lt. Attendant, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, effective June 6/25, under Contract of Employment, and he is still serving in that capacity.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 29 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., April 26, 1926.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:—

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins.** Ditto

Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper,** Prin - (Quarters)

Salary, **$1500 per annum.**
this sal. auth for 1740 pa. which is accounted for by 240 pa for quarters for Prin Keeper.

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **May 11, 1926** { [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Auth eff on Depts. approval (Apr. 14-26)

Former position, Light Attendant.

Former salary, **$1680 per annum.**

Location, **Lower Cape Fear River Lights, N.C.**

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

x No record this eligible under old Light attendant. Mr. Gross says reason no record because it is under "Gen. Expenses" record kept only in Bureau.

Depts. Auth. this pos. Apr. 14, 1926, will be classed as "unmatched eligible" with 2 keepers (Prin & Asst) Wkly pay 1740 + 1140 Keep (no Range) to care for 19 aids shown on attached slip.

Previous incumbent, New position authorized by Dept. endorsement of Apr. 14, 1926 on Bu. letter of Apr. 7, 1926. Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, One. Brother-in-law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: Mr. Gaskins is physically qualified to perform the duties of the position. Quarters are provided by the Government. Mr. Gaskins previously served as Addnl. Keeper, 6th Dist., from Oct. 3/24 through Dec. 15/24. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Charleston L.H., from Dec. 16/24 through March 1/25. As Keeper (2d Asst.), Cape Romain L.H., March 2/25 through June 5/25, when he resigned to take position of Lt. Attendant, Lower Cape Fear River Lights, effective June 6/25, under Contract of Employment, and he is still serving in that capacity.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 19

MAY 1 1926 ACTION TAKEN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MAY 3 1926 ACTION TAKEN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 29 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED: [signature]
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

[signature]
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1925.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

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 June 5, 1925.

Bureau.....Lighthouses

Position.....Keeper (2nd Assistant)

Allocation.....

Salary.....$1140 per annum

Station.....Cape Romain Light Station, S. C.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUN 1 01925

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 9 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 JUN 5 PM 4 17

SIXTH DISTRICT

Charleston, S.C.,
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

June 4, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

I respectfully request that my resignation as 2nd Assistant Keeper ~~of~~ in the Lighthouse Service be accepted, effective June 5, 1925. I desire to resign from position of 2nd Asst. Keeper in order that I may accept employment as Light Attendant to care for lights of lower Cape Fear River, N.C.

Respectfully,

R. M. Gaskins.

R. M. Gaskins,
2d Asst. Keeper,
Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

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Form 93 EAW

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 1925

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., June 4, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant),

Legal residence, Florida. Station, Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Salary, $1140 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 5, 1925.

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

Remarks: The acceptance of Mr. Gaskin's resignation is recommended as it is desired to employ him as Light Attendant to care for lights in Lower Cape Fear River, N.C., (registered position), beginning June 6, 1925.

6-6-25

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 6 - 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 9, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

SUBJECT: Robert M. Gaskins, 2d Asst. Kpr., Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.
REFERENCE: Notice of Change in Salary dated Feb. 27, 1925.

1. Mr. Robert M. Gaskins entered on duty as Keeper (2d Asst.), Cape Romain Light Station, S.C., March 3, 1925.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 11 1925

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAR 6 AM 9 05

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C.
(Bureau)

March 4, 1925.
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on April 2, 1925.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory* during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Robert M. Gaskins

Position Keeper, 2nd Assistant

Salary $1140 per annum.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Cape Romain Light Station, S.C.

Date of entrance on duty Oct. 3, 1924 (as Additional Keeper).

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Comr.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Remarks:

H.L.Beck
(Signature of immediate superior.)
H.L.Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBMITTED:

MAR 6 - 1925

S Gurney
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 27, 1925.

M

r. Robert M. Gaskins,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1020 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective March 1, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

FEB 28 1925

Respectfully,

EDW. T. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Acting

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
FEB 28 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 1925 FEB 26 AM 8 50

OFFICE CLERK 1925 FEB 25 PM 4 01

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C. (City.) Feb. 24, (Date.) 19 25.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEB 27 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and appointment.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant), Salary, $1140 per an. (Including commutation of rations @ 45¢ per day, payable from Gen.Exp.,L.H.Service.)

Location, Cape Romain Light Station, S.C. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 1, 1925, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2nd Asst.) Former salary, $1020 per an. (Including commutation of rations @ 45¢ per day, payable from Gen.Exp.L.H.Service.)

Location, Charleston Light Station, S.C.

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

Previous incumbent, James E. Pinner, Services terminated, Close of Feb. 5, 1925.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, One - Brother-in-law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: The main reason for transferring Mr.Gaskins to Cape Romain Lt.Station is that he may place his daughter in school at McClellanville. Owing to the distance of the station from the school it will be necessary for his daughter to board in McClellanville. As this will be an extra expense for Mr.Gaskins he has been recommended for appointment at $1140 per an. - $60 above the minimum pay of the position. He is now receiving the minimum pay of his position at Charleston Lt.Station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATION AGENCY CERTIFICATION FEB 27 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 26 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

2-27-25

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert K. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

ELW. J.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1020.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CARDED

FEB 5 - 1925

6th

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

CHIEF CLERK LIGHTHOUSES 1924 DEC 22 AM 11 47

1924 DEC 19 AM 8 46

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Sixth DISTRICT.

Charleston, S.C., Nov. 26, 1924.191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on December 16, 1924.

Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant)

From Keeper (Additional) 6th Dist., To Charleston Light Station, S.C.

Previous incumbent, George Graham,

Services will terminated, close of December 15,1924. Reason, Promotion.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 17, 1924.191~~x~~

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with December 16, 1924.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 20 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

EAW

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

CHIEF CLERK
1924 NOV 28 PM 2 49

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Sixth District.
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~,
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 NOV 28 AM 9 02

Charleston, S.C., Nov. 26, 1924. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on December 16, 1924.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Name, Robert M. Gaskins, Position, Keeper (2nd Assistant)

From Keeper (Additional) 6th Dist., To Charleston Light Station, S.C.

Previous incumbent, George Graham,

Services will terminated, close of December 15,1924. Reason, Promotion.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. L. Beck
H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
NOV 28 1924

CANCELED

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

CHIEF CLERK
1924 OCT 6 AM 10
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 6 AM 9

Bureau, division, or office Light House Service

1. Name in full Robert Merritt Gaskins

2. Legal (voting) residence Fla. 2nd Nassau Fernandina
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? North Carolina Hatteras When born? May 1st 1888
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
X Male	Female	Single	X Married	Divorced	Widowed	X White	Colored	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	X Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted Apr 1917 Discharged Apr 1919

Organization

Enlisted Discharged

Organization

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Steam fitter.

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10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Sadie Gaskins (Name) Wife. (Relationship)

Charleston S. C. (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. M. Gaskins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Oct 3rd 1924 (Date)

Present address C/o Supt. of Lighthouses, Charleston, S.C.

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Form 111

EAW

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1924 OCT 6 AM 10 3
LIGHTHOUSES
1924 OCT 6 AM 9 23

I, Robert M. Gaskins,

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.

☞ Robert M. Gaskins
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] third day of October, A. D. 1924

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) P. Darrow

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (Additional)	$840 per an.	Sixth Lighthouse District, Headquarters, Charleston, S.C.
Former [5] -		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 6th District

Charleston, S.C. (Address), October 3, 1924. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 3, 1924. (Date)

CARDED

H.L. Beck
(Signature of superintendent)
H.L. Beck, Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses 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.

11—944

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON September 23, 1924.

Mr. Robert M. Gaskins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 24 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Respectfully,

IC 6th

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Appropriation:

Vice: James W. Turner.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6080

Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES EAW 1924 SEP 20 AM 9 06

CHIEF CLERK 1924 SEP 22 AM 10 29

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C. (City.) September 15 (Date.) 1924

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Robert M. Gaskins,**

Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper (Additional)** (at Large)

Salary, **$840 per annum.**

Location, **Sixth Lighthouse District, Headquarters, Charleston, S.C.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 25, 1924** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 22 1924 APPOINTMENT

Former position, -

Location, -

Former salary, -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating **Asst. Keeper,** Percentage, **85.6** , Other eligibles considered: **Oliver P.Cantey (C); Edw. H. Moessner (C). Julius J. Jeffords, 1st on eligible register, desires to be considered for Cape Canaveral Lt.Station,Fla., only. He was, therefore, not considered for this position.**

Previous incumbent, ~~Transferred.~~ James W. Turner, Services terminated, **Sept. 15, 1924.**

Reason, **Transferred, to position of 2d assistant keeper of a station.**

Members of family in Government Service, One - Brother in law.

Date of birth, May 1, 1888.

Remarks: Quarters are provided by the Government only when on detail at a station which has quarters. Detailed to various stations in 6th District as occasion requires.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Sept. 18, 1924.

L. A. Moyer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 20 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

9-23-24

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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