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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Griffiths, David		PA

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: 1967

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	1916	1920
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Washington D C January 31 1919

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

Griffiths restoration duty keeper Southwest Ledge approved suspension period with pay

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Commissioner

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To Dept. 3:30 P.M.

11/31/19.

McC.

4 inclosures.

January 6, 1919.

Subject: Third Supt's letter Dec. 18, 1918, David Griffiths, Keeper, So. West Ledge L. S., charges.

1. Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that Griffiths be suspended from duty and pay, effective at the close of November 9, 1918, his last day of service. It is also recommended that order of suspension contain the usual provision that suspension will be with lawful pay and allowances in case Griffiths is exonerated of the charges.

2. Recommendation will be submitted to Department at an early date for amendment of the appointment of J. F. Myrtle, dated Dec. 26, 1918, vice Griffiths, to read additional keeper, vice new position, and authorization of temporary position of additional keeper, pending outcome of the charges against Griffiiths The Third Supt. has been requested to return the appointment of Myrtle, in duplicate, for the necessary amendment.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 8 - 1919

To Superintendent of Lighthouses Tompkinsville NY

for his information, guidance, and files of office. Return appointment of Myrtle, referred to, for amendment.

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Acting Commissioner.

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discontinued, effective at the close of November 9th, his last date of service. At the proper time, information will be obtained as to the outcome of his case, and if found innocent, he may then be considered for reinstatement, and if found guilty, which would substantiate the charges preferred against him, he should then be dismissed, and the notification of discontinuance of service cancelled.

J.T.YATES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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Comm.

December 18th, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

McC
Shd he not be suspended in usual way? Look up the case of Durabb, AK Chukler 8th who was spsd to hv murdered his wife & about 2 or 3 yrs ago
JSC Dec 21

SUBJECT: David Griffiths, Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Sta., Conn.

1. On November 7th, the Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, New London, Conn., advised this office that it had a warrant for the arrest of Mr.Griffiths, on account of conflicting statements in reference to the draft. A man was sent to Southwest Ledge Light Station to relieve Mr. Griffiths, and the latter was placed under arrest by the Department of Justice, on the charge of failing to register in compliance with the requirements of the Selective Service Regulations. Mr.Griffiths is still confined in jail awaiting trial before the United States Court.

2. Charges were preferred against Mr.Griffiths under date of November 18th, copy enclosed, to which he made reply under date of November 23rd, his reply being forwarded herewith. Mr.Griffiths claims that he registered at New London, Conn., on June 5th, 1917, and that Earl G.Merry, Keeper of New London Light Station was present at the time, which information has been communicated to the Department of Justice. Mr.Griffiths having been placed under arrest and held for trial before the United States Court, Mr. Merry's testimony will not be considered until the case is tried. Whether or not Mr. Griffiths is guilty of the charge made against him will not be determined until his case is tried, and in the meantime, his absence from his station due to the fact that he is confined in jail is the cause of inconvenience as well as expense, on account of the necessity of furnishing a man to perform his duty. It is also to be noted that while Mr. Griffiths may be found innocent of the charge against him, it is considered that he is not entirely blameless for his present situation, on account of his neglecting to procure at the time of his registration, a registration card or some other evidence of his registration.

3. In view of the facts pertaining to this case, and as Mr.Griffiths is confined in jail and unable to perform the duties of his position, it is recommended that his services as Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, be

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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(Signed) A. D. Putnam

Suspended Nov. 10, 1918 pending charges—

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January 13, 1919.

Sir:

On recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has suspended you from duty as keeper of the South West Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of November 9, 1919, pending disposition of charges preferred against you by the Superintendent of the Third District on November 18, 1918.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay in the event you are exonerated of the charges preferred against you, otherwise it shall be without pay.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. David Griffiths,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Office of Inspector, Third Dist.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Jan.7,1919 191 .

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (letter) from this office dated December 18,1918 on the subject of recommending that services of David Griffiths, keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Conn. be discontinued, effective close of Nov.9,1918. The appointment of Griffith's successor has been received, but no advice as to Griffith's separation from the service is yet to hand.

J. A. Yates

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space above inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 70, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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Suspending Griffiths
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Tompkinsville, N.Y., Jan. 7, 1919

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J. T. YATES.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses, August 27,1918

SUBJECT: Charges, David Griffiths, keeper, S.W.Ledge Light Station,Ct.

The following correspondence re David Griffiths, keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Connecticut, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1 - Letter dated Aug.9th from Assistant Keeper Bentley.
2 - Letter of charges (copy) dated August 21, addressed to Keeper Griffiths.
3 - Letter dated Aug.26th from Keeper Griffiths.

In view of the difficulty in obtaining men for employment at light stations at the present time, it is recommended that Mr.Griffiths be reprimanded for his violation of the requirement of the Regulations, and cautioned that if offense is repeated drastic disciplinary measures will be taken, and that no further action be taken at this time.

J. T. YATES.

McC. Bureau of Lighthouses, September 4, 1918.

Returned to Third Superintendent.

Take action in accordance with Bureau circular of August 28, 1918, paragraph No. 3.

The Bureau concurs in your recommendation that Griffiths be reprimanded.

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JUN 3 1918
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Department of Commerce,
Lighthouse Service,

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South West Ledge Lt. Sta. JUN 3 1918 9 46 AM
May 29, 1918.

File w.o. action DC June 3

Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir:

Gave assistance to a motor launch Ragtime. The Sunday May 26, which became disabled on the south side of Station in a rough sea. Towed her to light and put fall on sturn hoisted her up and cut 30 feet of rope which had wound around her propeller shaft, which put her engine out of commission and another launch picked her up and towed her to safety after we freed her of entanglement.

With respect,

David Griffiths, Keeper,
J.H. Bently, 1 asst. Kpr.

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Office of Inspector, 3d Dist.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
June 1, 1918.

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Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. It is not considered that the service rendered in this instance is of sufficient importance to warrant commendation and same is not receommended.

J. T. Yates

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED RATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 3 1918
HOUSES

January 2, 1918.

Mr. David Griffiths,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective December 23, 1917.

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harry R. Parmelee.

Legal Residence: New York.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) December 26,1917 (Date.)

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, David Griffiths

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $648.00 per annum

Location, Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.& New Haven Middle Bkw.East End Light, Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 23,1917 { the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.[1]

Former position, 1st Asst.Keeper

Former salary, $540 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

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

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

Previous incumbent, Harry B. Parmelee

Services terminated, December 22,1917

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Assignment to duty on Dec. 23,1917 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained. Letter from Mr.Griffiths requesting this transfer, attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JUL 31 1917
HOUSES

July 30, 1917.

Mr. David Griffiths,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Earl G. Merry.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 27 1917

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) July 26,1917 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Engineer~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Name, David Griffiths — Legal residence, New York

Position, 1st assistant keeper — Salary, $540 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 1,1917 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd assistant keeper — Former salary, $456 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Station, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Earl C. Merry — Services terminated, July 25,1917

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Griffiths entered the service as 2nd assistant keeper of New London Ledge Lt.Sta. on March 7,1917, which position he has since held. The promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 27 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
MAR 29 1917
HOUSES

March 28, 1917.

Mr. David Griffiths,

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, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Samuel E. Leonard.

Legal Residence: New York.

(See reverse side.)

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 24 1917

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 8, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, David Griffiths — Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, New London Ledge Light Station, Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 7, 1917 — 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, 3 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage, 80.0 — Other eligibles considered:

John Seeman FR* Wade Larsen A. William E.Jones FR*

*Names removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Samuel E.Leonard — Services terminated, Feb.18,1917

Reason, Assignment to duty on March 7,1917 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 4 and 11 on eligible list will only accept appointment to certain specified stations. Nos.6 to 9 & 12 to 15 will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No.16 is not eligible for appointment to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAR 22 1917, 191

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NDW — March 27, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention in this connection is invited to Department letter of March 1, 1917, authorizing the assignment of Griffiths to duty in the above position.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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Washington D C March 1 1917

Lighthouse Inspector ~~Tompkinsville~~ Saint George New York

Assignment Griffiths New London approved effective as recommended yours twenty seventh

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Commissioner

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Sent telg. of 10.12

LIGHT
MAR 1 1917
HOUSES

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Mar. Engr.
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Dep. Commr,
Commr.

March 1, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 27th instant, the Department hereby grants authority for the assignment of David Griffiths to duty as second assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $456 per annum, vice Samuel E. Leonard, who, it is reported, has resigned. Formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Griffiths upon receipt of nomination bearing the endorsement of the local civil service district secretary, and subsequent to the Department's action upon the resignation of Mr. Leonard.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET
Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAR 6 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector ~~.....~~ Tompkinsville, N.Y. See Bureau files of his office. ~~By direction of the Secretary~~ and telegram of Mar. 1, 1917

Acting ~~Commissioner~~

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LIGHT HOUSES FEB 27 1917

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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TELEGRAM

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Tompkinsville, S.I.NY .1020am Feb 27,1917.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington.

Request authority assign David Griffiths to duty second assistant keeper New London Ledge March first vice Leonard resigned. No members family in service. District secretary approves.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
FEB 27 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

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