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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 11/18/2024

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Hall, John, M.		1907 RI

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: 1974 RI

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (ME/NY)		
From: 1926	To: 1935	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:	Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No
CMRS Service Request Number: 2-3027257638 8	Attendant Signature:
CMRS Search Request Number(s):	Remarks: '24 DEC 3 AM11:48:13

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed	☐ Items Removed and User Informed	
Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Requests:	Screened Items:
☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side		

Time Out:	Final Return:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Hall, John M. **DOB:** 1907 RI

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk (positive) negative

Agency: Treasury 2188 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

Agency: Old Treasury Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive (negative)

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service Area: _____ positive negative

ARCIS: _____ Area: _____ positive negative

Notes: _____

CG-cp-75

April 29, 1943.

Mrs. John M. Hall,
"Driftwood",
Shore Road,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of March 15, 1943, addressed to the President, has been referred to this office in view of the fact that the Lighthouse Service was consolidated with the Coast Guard on July 1, 1939. It appears that you are interested in having your husband reinstated as a Keeper or in some other capacity due to his former employment as a Keeper in the Lighthouse Service about 1935.

It is noted from the record that correspondence has been received in behalf of Mr. Hall on previous occasions regarding his eligibility for reinstatement as Keeper. While his length of service is not such as to make him eligible for reinstatement in normal times and this Service could not reinstate him in a position of Keeper, it is believed that he would be eligible for employment as a classified laborer provided he could find a vacancy.

It is suggested that Mr. Hall write the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, with a view to obtaining employment as a classified laborer in the event he is desirous of securing employment in that capacity.

Very truly yours,

H. L. MORGAN, Assistant Chief,
Civilian Personnel Division.

MORGAN - 3012 3-2
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Forwarded, no reply having been made to the writer.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED
1943 MAR 18 PM 6 15

Mrs. J. M. Hall
"Driftwood"
Shore Road
Westerly R. I.
March 15-1943.

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND CONSIDERATION
MAR 18 1943
Secretary to the President

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt

I know you must be over big affairs, but what I want to tell you is a big affair in my life & that of my small family. There are only three of us. My husband, myself & 14 yr. old son — Two years ago in September, my husband was employed at the Submarine Base in New London. a nail flew up & hit him in his eye. The man working with him knew of it but they told the foreman. but no report was made of it. Last February we attended a compensation board meeting - and

1943 MAR 25 AM

on May 5. [redacted] paid for
an operation on his eye
in the Mass. eye & ear infirmary
It was the McGrath Co. he
was working for — and the
Aetna Insurance Co. — I had
to sign that I'd never sue
them again — and also for
my minor child — My husband
is a Carpenter by trade, and
he can't work at it at all,
He wears a thick lens, and
they have left telling him it
would take time — now they say
the operation wasn't successful.
and membrane is still over
the pupil — and the other eye
is being strained badly.
He was thirty six years old
the 6th of March, and I'm thirty
three.

I am employed by U.S. Army & Coast Guard Shake in a dye plant. to help out. But it isn't enough. We've started a small farm. 3 big cows & 5 calves. & 100 fowl. We haven't any land. That's why I went to work to pay $50.00 to a neighbor for renting his land. We've built our own 6 room home & always planned to send Buddy to the State College. and I think it's awful. this thing that has happened to us. My husband was formerly in the Lighthouse Service. Could he be reinstated in some capacity? We like farming, and last year canned over 300 pt. & qt. Jars. does the Government help you get a start? I can't see any way to buy a lot of land now.

and it only wastes fertilizer etc.
taking care of someone else's land:
Buddy wants to go to Agricultural
College. he loves every part of farming
You talk abt helping the Soldiers
to find a job when the war is
over, I think my husband lost
his sight in war work in Groton
just as though he had been on
foreign soil, and I do hope
there is something you can do
for us. I stayed home today,
because Buddy is very ill with
a bad cold. I can't prepare
proper food when I stand up 9 1/2
hrs. a day. I felt so desperate I
decided to sit down. and write
to you. You do try to solve so
many problems I do hope you will
try & do something for us.

Sincerely Yours.

Aileen Ivy Hall.

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RECRUITING DIVISION
NAVAL PERSONNEL

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HENRIK SHIPSTEAD, MINN.

EDWARD J. TRENWITH, CLERK
JAMES A. WHITE, ASST. CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

1136 Hospital Trust Building
Providence, Rhode Island
December 14, 1939

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D. COMDT'S OFFICE
DEC 18 1939

Rear Admiral Russell R. Waesche, Commandant
The Coast Guard
14th Street & Maine Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C.

12/19 and

My dear Admiral Waesche:

Mr. J. M. Hall of Post Road, Westerly, Rhode Island, a former lighthouse keeper who resigned from the service January 10th, 1935, is desirous of being reinstated and has requested me to write you in his behalf. He is also desirous of obtaining a record of his service with the Bureau of Lighthouses.

I would appreciate your advising me just what action Mr. Hall should take in order to be reinstated.

Yours very truly,

Theodore Francis Green

Theodore Francis Green

TFG:F

CP-75

19 December, 1939.

Honorable Theodore Francis Green,
United States Senator,
1136 Hospital Trust Building,
Providence, Rhode Island.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of December 14 in the interest of Mr. J. M. Hall of Post Road, Westerly, Rhode Island, a former lighthouse keeper who desires reinstatement.

I regret to advise that Mr. Hall is no longer eligible for reinstatement under the civil service procedure to a position of keeper, because of the fact that such positions are now being provided for by enlistment in the Coast Guard. You will recall that the Lighthouse Service was consolidated with the Coast Guard on July 1, 1939, pursuant to the reorganization act and as a result certain positions of the former Lighthouse Service, principally positions of keeper and positions on vessels, are being incorporated into the military organization of the Coast Guard.

As to the period of Mr. Hall's employment as a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, the record shows that he entered on duty on January 21, 1929, and that he resigned at the close of June 10, 1935, and that during this period he was on a furlough or a leave without pay status from July 1, 1933 to the close of April 2, 1934.

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MAIL DESK

Very sincerely yours,

R. R. WAESCHE
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard,
Commandant.

RG-EK

April 5, 1937.

Hon. John M. O'Connell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

In further reference to your letter of March 19, in the interest of Mr. John M. Hall, Avondale Road, Westerly, Rhode Island, who desires reinstatement to the position of keeper at Watch Hill Light Station or some other nearby shore station:

There are no vacancies at the present time or in prospect at these stations. It is also the policy of the Service to fill vacancies at shore stations by the transfer of keepers who have had long and meritorious service at off-shore stations. In the event Mr. Hall desires to be considered for reinstatement to such vacancies as occur, he should apply to the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, New York.

Very truly yours,

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 29 8 40 AM '37

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

March 27,1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses: 4/5/37 Wrote O'Connell Copy filed

SUBJECT: J.M.Hall, former Keeper, reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Bureau end.of Mar.22nd forwarding letter of Mar.19th from Congressman John M. O'Connell.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. There are no vacancies at the present time or in prospect at Watch Hill Light Station, or any other stations in this District in the vicinity of Watch Hill. It may be stated that vacancies at stations on shore are seldom filled by reinstatement or appointment from an eligible register, since such positions are ordinarily filled by the transfer of men from off shore stations.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

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LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 26 3 39 PM '37

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

M.F. 2

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

March 24, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

The attached letter from Congressman O'Connell, Washington, relative to a Mr. John M. Hall, Avondale Road, Westerly, R.I., desiring to be appointed to Watch Hill Lighthouse, was apparently sent to this office in error since we have no record of a former employee by that name and the station in question is in your district.

Geo. L. Eaton
Superintendent.

Copy to Commissionerof Lighthouses. Reference is made to Bureau's endorsement of March 22, 1937 on the above mentioned letter from Congressman O'Connell.

March 22, 1937.

Hon. John M. O'Connell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

In reference to your letter of March 19, 1937, in behalf of Mr. John M. Hall, Avondale Road, Westerly, Rhode Island, who desires reinstatement in this Service:

I am having this matter looked into and will advise you further at an early date.

Very truly yours,

2d

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To 2nd

JOHN M. O'CONNELL
2D DIST. RHODE ISLAND

HOME ADDRESS:
19 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE
WESTERLY, R. I.

JAMES M. McGARRY
SECRETARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 20
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2ND DIST. MASS.

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Hon. Harold D. King
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Mr. John M. Hall, Avondale Road, Westerly, R.I., is very desirous of being appointed to the Watch Hill lighthouse or some other nearby on shore.

Mr. Hall resigned from the Service in June, 1935, because of his health, after having served 6 1/2 years on offshore lighthouses.

Any consideration that you may give Mr. Hall's application will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John M. O'Connell

March 19,1937.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
March 22, 1937.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

October 3, 1935.

Mrs. Hope K. Bourne,
Westerly Work Relief Bureau,
Westerly, R. I.

Dear Madam:

In further reference to your letter of September 17, requesting a record of the service of Mr. John M. Hall of Avondale, Westerly, R. I.:

The record shows that Mr. Hall entered the service on January 21, 1929 as assistant keeper at Robbins Reef Light Station, N. Y. On March 3, 1930 he was transferred to the position of keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N. Y., and was furloughed without pay on June 30, 1933, due to reduction of force. On April 4, 1934 he was entered on duty as assistant keeper at South Fox Island Light Station, Mich., and on March 18, 1935 he was transferred to Boon Island Light Station, Maine, from which position he resigned at the close of June 10, 1935.

No reason as to his leaving the Service was given in his letter of resignation, but letters subsequently received from him and his wife, relative to a claim against the principal keeper for lobster trap laths he sold him, alluded to the fact his action was based on "unpleasantness" on the Keeper's part, no report as to which had been made prior to his leaving the Service.

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For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 1st Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
259 HIGH STREET
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GFL:GP
Enclosure

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

1935 OCT 1 PM 3 34

September 30, 1935

10/3/35. Wrote McBourne
COPY to 1st

2nd endorsement

Returned to Bureau with abstract of Mr. Hall's services below:

Jan. 21, 1929	Prob. Appt.	Asst. Keeper	$1500 pa.	3rd Dist. (Robbins Reef)
March 3, 1930	Trans. & Pro.	Keeper	1680.	3rd Dist. (Old Orchard Shoal)
Jan. 1, 1931	Pay Incr.	do.	1740.	do.
June 30, 1933	Furloughed close of June 30, 1933.			
Apr. 4, 1934	R.T.D. (Furl.)	Keeper (3rd AK)	$1260.	12th Dist. (South Fox Isl.)
Mar. 18, 1935	Trans.	2nd Asst.Kpr.	$1260.	Boon Island LH.,1st Dist.,Me.
close June 10, 1935	Resigned	do.	do.	do.

Mr. Hall made no reference in his letter tendering his resignation to his reasons for the action, but letters subsequently received from him and his wife, relative to a claim against the principal keeper for lobster trap laths he sold him, alluded to the fact his action was based on "unpleasantness" on the Keeper's part, no report as to which had been made prior to his leaving the Service.

adverse
action

Brush
BRUSH
Superintendent

September 25, 1935.

Miss Hope K. Bourne,
Westerly Work Relief Bureau,
Westerly, R. I.

Dear Madam:

In reference to your letter of September 17, requesting information regarding Mr. John M. Hall of Avondale, Westerly, R. I., a former employee of this Service:

This matter is under consideration and you will be further advised at an early date.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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WESTERLY WORK RELIEF BUREAU

WESTERLY, R. I.

Supt.
Asst Supt.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
Radio Engr.
Depot Keeper
2d Clerk
3d Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
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Ilex
Corres. Ills
Engr. Ills

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
SEP 28 1935
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

'35 OCT 1 PM 3:34

LIGHTHOUSES

September 17,1935.

Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Lighthouse Dept.

9/25 ackd.
10/3 and
copy to Int

Gentlemen:

John Murray Hall, of Avendale, Westerly, R.I., has applied to us for emergency relief for himself and family.

He gives his work record, services as Lighthouse Keeper and Assistant Lighthouse Keeper covering a period from June 1929 to June 1935. That he had been stationed at Robins' Reef, New York; Old Orchard Shoals, N.Y.; So. Fox Island, Mich. and Boone Island, Maine.

Will you please give us a history of his work record and reason for leaving government employ.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we are,

Very truly yours,

Hope K. Bourne

HOPE K. BOURNE,
Home Visitor

H.K.B.-F

Approved by:

Eleanor M. Johnson

Case Work Supervisor.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
September 25, 1935.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, South Portland, Maine, for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1935.

Mr. John M. Hall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department has accepted, without prejudice, your resignation from the position designated below, effective at the close of business on June 10, 1935.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.
Position ..... Keeper.
Allocation .....
Salary ..... $1260 per annum.
Station ..... Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

E. A. DELONG
Acting *Chief of Appointment Division.*

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Form 98

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

CP
Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

South Portland, Maine, May 28, 1935. 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John M Hall Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Rhode Island Station, Boon Island Lighthouse, Me.

Salary, $1200 per annum
(Range: $1200-$1560 p.a.)

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 10, 1935.

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

17th 18th

Remarks:

Letter of Resignation is herewith enclosed.

1935 MAY 29 PM 3:27
LIGHTHOUSES

G.

BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, Recommending acceptance without prejudice. 11—4623

W. P. HARMAN

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
1ST DISTRICT
MAY 28 1935
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRST DISTRICT

Boon Is. Lt. Sta.
(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

May. 24, 1935

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Portland, Maine.

Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as second assistant keeper of Boon Island Lt. Sta; to go into effect on June. 19, 1935.

Respectfully yours,

John W. Hall.
2nd Asst. Kpr.

C. E. Tracy
Keeper

1935 MAY 29 PM 3:27
SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES

PETER G. GERRY,

JAMES A. BYRNE
SECRETARY

United States Senate

March 1, 1935.

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G. R. Putnam, Esq., Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner,

Thank you for your communication of February the twenty-sixth, advising of the transfer of Mr. John M. Hall of Avondale, Westerly, Rhode Island, from the South Fox Island Light Station, Michigan, to the Boon Island Light Station, Maine.

Very truly yours,

Peter G. Gerry

Form 73 a

CP

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT,

South Portland, Maine, March 20, 1935. , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

~~I have the honor to transfer~~ the following-named employee was transferred as indicated, on ~~about~~ March 18, 1935
(See instructions on reverse side)

Name, John M Hall

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper

From 3rd Asst. Keeper, South Fox Island LH., Michigan

To Boon Island LH., Me.

Salary and range, $1260 ($1200-$1560)

Salary and range, $1260 ($1200-$1560)

(Lt. #1377)

Previous incumbent and pay, Benjamin Stockbridge, $1200 p.a.

Services terminated, February 8, 1935

Reason, Promoted to 1st Asst. Keeper

BRUSH, Superintendent

South Portland, Maine, March 20, 1935. , 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with March 18, 1935.
(Enter effective date in this space if transfer has been actually completed)

Brush

BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAR 28 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

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Form 73
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Encl.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, First DISTRICT.

South Portland, Maine, (City) February 20, (Date) 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, John M. Hall

Position, Second Assistant Keeper

Location, Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine

Effective, March 1, 1935 { [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Proposed salary, $1,200 per annum

Proposed range, $1,200-$1,560

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers

Former position, Third Assistant Keeper

Location, South Fox Island Lighthouse Michigan

Former salary, $1,260 per annum

Former range, ~~$1,260-$1,560~~ 1200-1560

Rank on eligible list, --- Rating, --- 1377 Percentage, --- , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent and his pay, Benjamin Stockbridge, $1,200 per annum Services terminated, February 8, 1935

Reason, Promoted to First Assistant Keeper

Members of family in Government service, ---

Date of birth, ---

Remarks: Mr. Hall's request for transfer, dated July 23, 1934, is herewith. See district letter of even date returning for cancellation appointment of Fred L. Kent to this position. Authority to fill the vacancy has been received.

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

(Direct)
Secretary, --- *Civil Service District.*

Brush
BRUSH
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED
JUL 27 1934
MILWAUKEE

Asst Keeper
So Fox Islands
Mich Green

Supt.
Asso. Engr.
Chief Clerk
1st Clerk
Jun. Engr.
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
Messenger
Portland S.H.
L.D. Rpl. Depot
Fabious
Tier
Clerk
Lost List

TWELFTH DISTRICT

South Fox Island L.H.
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

July 23, 1934

RECEIVED
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 2 1934
TWELFTH DISTRICT

Superintendent of Light houses.
1st District.
Portland, Me.

Thru: Supt of 12th Dist.

Sir
Lodd writer
Little Kag
Portland

Superintendent Sir:

Subject: Transfer.

I would like to be considered for transfer to any vacancy in the 1st Light house District.

Respectfully yours,

John W. Hall.
3rd Asst Keeper.
formerly Keeper in
3rd Dist.

ask him why?
also for ships as 6
[illegible]

Supt. of Lighthouses, Milw. Wis.
July 31, 1934

Forwarded.

For the Superintendent:

Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
South PORTLAND, ME.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 FEB 23 AM 9 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
South PORTLAND, ME.

February 20, 1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Bureau endorsement on copy of its letter of February 15 to the Honorable John M. O'Connell, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., regarding Mr. John M. Hall at present employed as third assistant keeper, South Fox Island Light Station, Michigan, there is forwarded herewith nomination to cover the transfer of Mr. Hall to the position of second assistant keeper, Boon Island Light Station, Maine, at $1,200 per annum. Attention in this respect is invited to district letter of even date recommending the cancellation of the appointment of Fred L. Kent to the position because of unsatisfactory physical condition.

Early action on the enclosed recommendation would be appreciated as Boon Island Light Station has been operating with but two keepers since December 2, 1934.

Copies of this letter are being referred to the Superintendents of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Massachusetts, and Staten Island, New York, as well as the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Milwaukee.

C. BRUSH
Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington February 25, 1935

Returned to 1st Superintendent. Hall's present range is $1200-1560 rather than $1260-1560 as shown on your nomination. The range of the proposed position at Boon Island being $1200-1560 ~~same~~ the same as in Hall's present position, he should be transferred at his present pay of $1260 per annum. Presidential authority for this is not required, and your office may complete the transfer at the convenience of the 12th District and report the effective date to the Bureau. No Department notice will be issued in the matter.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Administrative Assistant

February 26, 1935.

Hon. John M. O'Connell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated February 15 with regard to the transfer of Mr. John M. Hall of Avondale, Westerly, Rhode Island, from his position of keeper at South Fox Island Light Station, Michigan:

Since writing you the above letter a vacancy has occurred at Boon Island Light Station, Maine, and in accordance with Mr. Hall's request his transfer thereto is being arranged.

Very truly yours,

COPY

RG-BK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Same letter to Hon. Peter G. Gerry,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

COPY to 1st, 2d, 3d, and 12th Supts.

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February 26, 1935.

Hon. Peter G. Gerry,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gerry:

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Very truly yours,

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

February 15, 1935.

Hon. Peter G. Gerry,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gerry:

In reference to telephone conversation with your office on February 6, concerning Mr. John M. Hall who occupies a position of keeper at South Fox Island Light Station, Michigan, and desires transfer to a station nearer his home in Rhode Island, he having previously served at a station near that location:

A canvass has been made in this connection and it is found that there is no vacancy at the present time. Mr. Hall's name, however, is being listed in the districts concerned and he will be duly considered for transfer when an opportunity occurs.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 12th Supt.

Copy to 2d and 3d Supts. The Bureau has received your reports to the effect that no vacancies exist at the present time. It is requested that your district duly note Mr. Hall's name and give him consideration when an opportunity occurs as indicated above.

February 15, 1935.

Hon. John M. O'Connell,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

In reference to your letter of February 9, in the interest of Mr. John M. Hall of Avondale, Westerly, R. I., who desires a transfer from his position of keeper at South Fox Island Light Station, Mich., to a position in the first, second, or third districts:

A canvass has been made and there are no vacancies of this kind available at the present time. Mr. Hall's name, however, is being listed in the districts concerned and his transfer will be given due consideration as vacncies occur in the location to which he desires a transfer.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Copy to 1st Supt. It is requested that Mr. Hall's name be listed in your district and that he be given consideration as vacancies occur. For your information there is inclosed a copy of a letter to the 2d and 3d districts dated February 7 in this matter.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 1, 2, 3, 4, 17 Supt.

JOHN M. O'CONNELL
2D DIST. RHODE ISLAND

HOME ADDRESS:
19 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE
WESTERLY, R.I.

JAMES M. McGARRY
SECRETARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

1935 FEB 11 AM 10:10

2/15/35 wrote O'Connell
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Mr. George R. Putman
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that Mr. John M. Hall, Avondale, Westerly, R.I., has applied for a transfer from South Fox Island, Mich. to a position in the first, second ot third district.

Any consideration that you may give to this request will be appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

John M. O'Connell

February 9,1935.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1935 FEB 12 PM 3 21

February 7, 1935.

2/15/35 wrote Gerry
copy to 2d 3d 1/2

Superintendents of Lighthouses: Chelsea, Mass.,
(and
Staten Island, N. Y.

Effective at the close of June 30, 1933, John M. Hall was furloughed from the position of keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lightstation, Rhode Island, his salary at that station having been 1740 ($1680-2040) per annum. On April 3, 1934, he was transferred to the position of third assistant keeper of South Fox Island Lightstation, Michigan, in the 12th District, at $1260 ($1200-1560, plus quarters $240) per annum where he has since been stationed.

The office of Senator Gerry (Rhode Island) has taken up with the Bureau the possibility of effecting Keeper Hall's transfer to some station near his home, which is located at Westerly, Rhode Island. It is requested that the Bureau be advised promptly whether or not there is a vacancy in the vicinity of the location indicated to which Mr. Hall could be transferred, and if none at present that his name be filed for consideration in the event a vacancy arises in the future.

For the Commissioner:

Signed - W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant.

Mailed advice Senator

H-M

Office of Superintendent, Second District,
Chelsea, Mass., February 11, 1935.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses. Relative to inquiry contained in paragraph 2 above, the Bureau is advised that there is no vacancy in the vicinity of the location indicated, in fact, there is none in the entire district to which Mr. Hall could be transferred at this time. A record has been made in this instance, and in the event of a suitable future vacancy, consideration will be given to this man with others, to fill same.

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GEO. E. EATON,
Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

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

2/15/35 Wrote Kerry
Copy to 2d 3d 4th 12

Feb. 9,1935

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: John M. Hall, keeper, transfer.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter Feb. 7,1935.

CWPK
2/11

1. In reply to Bureau letter of February 7,1935 re transfer of John M. Hall, keeper, from South Fox Island Light Station, Michigan; the Bureau is advised there is no vacancy at present or in prospect in this District to which Mr.Hall might be transferred.

J. T. Yates

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

February 6, 1935.

Memorandum:

Secretary to Senator Gerry (Rhode Island) phoned and requested if it is possible to transfer John M. Hall from South Fox Island to some station near his home, Westerly, Rhode Island, Mr. Hall was formerly stationed at Old Orchard Light Station in the 3rd District, but due to economy legislation, he was placed on furlough and when vacancy opened up at South Fox Island in the 12th District he was transferred to that station.

Suggest ask 2nd and 3rd for report; also if no vacancy at present time, to consider his transfer when suitable vacancy opens up.

C. J. LUDWIG, JR.,
Chief Clerk.

CJL:RWV

Senator Gerry to be advised further as to prospects.

March 20, 1934.

1934 MAR 26 AM 11:48 LIGHTHOUSES

AMENDED

Mr. John M. Hall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has terminated your administrative furlough from the position of Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lightstation, New York, at $1740 per annum, effective at the close of business on April 2, 1934.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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March 26, 1934.

Mr. John M. Hall,
Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of March 24, regarding your transfer and appointment as keeper in the 12th lighthouse district, this office has advised the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Milwaukee, Wis., today that your appointment has been approved and requesting that he advise you as to the date on which to report for duty. It is, therefore, expected that you will receive this advice from the Superintendent at an early date.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-EK

RG-EK

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Washington, D. C., March 26, 1934.

Lighthouse Superintendent
Milwaukee, Wis.

Appointment keeper John M. Hall approved Request you promptly advise him Westerly Rhode Island regarding date his entrance duty as he has written Bureau for information

Putnam
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1934 APR 13 AM 8 52

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Apr. 11, 1934.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to Notice of Change in Salary, dated March 20, 1934, in the case of John M. Hall.

The Bureau is advised that Mr. Hall entered on duty at the new rate of pay, $1260 per annum, at South Fox Island Light Station, on April 3, 1934.

Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington April 13, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information. Since Mr. Hall did not enter on duty at South Fox Island until April 3, Department letter of March 20 terminating his furlough effective at the close of March 31 is herewith returned for proper amendment.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

H-M
Incl

Westerly, R.I.
March. 24, 37.

Commissioner of Light houses.
Dept of Commerce.
Washington, D.C.

3/26/37 wrote Hall
3/26/37 wired Putnam

MAR 26 AM 9
LIGHTHOUSES

Dear Sir:

Refering to letter from Dept of Light houses, 12th District of Mar. 12, 37.

In this letter I was led to believe that I would be put to work about April 1st or soon after.

I had to give up my job on the C.W.A. in order to get my house hold goods ready to ship; they are now ready but I do not dare ship them as my appointment seems to be held up.

Will it be o.k. for me to ship my goods to Northport, Mich. now?

The Supt of the 12th District has not received my certificate of appointment, according to a letter received by me on this date from him.

Can you give me any idea as to how soon I can report for duty?

Respectfully yours,

John W. Hall
Westerly
R.I.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

1934 MAR 28 AM 11:47 LIGHTHOUSES

March 20, 1934.

Mr. John M. Hall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective April 1, 1934, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (change in station).

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,

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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MAR 26 1934

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 12th DISTRICT.

Milwaukee, Wisc., (City) March 12, (Date) 19 34

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, and reassignment to duty from furlough

Name, John M. Hall

Position, Keeper (Third Assistant)

Location, South Fox Island Lt. Sta. Mich.

Effective, April 1, 1934

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Proposed salary, $1260-A with qtrs. $240pa

Proposed range, $1200-1560

Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of L.H's.

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta. R.I.

Former salary, $1740 without qtrs. $60pa

Former range, $1680-2040

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, I. N. Carlson (Lt.#1078) / $1200-A Services terminated, close March 15, 1934.

Reason, Trans. to Calumet Hbr. Lt. Sta. Ill. (To be reported on Form 73a--Bureau)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth, 3-6-1907.

Remarks: Quarters furnished. Although there is a reduction in salary, this transfer is not in violation of Civil Service Rules regarding religious or political opinions.

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

Approved and forwarded:-

Secretary Local Board of Examiners. Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Mr. Hall was furloughed from Old Orchard Shoal Lightstation in the 3d district at the close of June 30, 1933, and his reassignment to duty in the 12th district is agreeable to him.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

AHT:MJS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 MAR 15 AM 8:57

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

March 13, 1934.

Vacancies.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Enclosed is Form 73 in the case of John M. Hall, a furloughed employee, Third Lighthouse District. The Form 73 has been filled in as far as this office has information and if it is absolutely necessary that the item relative to members of family in Government Service be provided, it is assumed the Bureau has such information.

This District circularized the Districts having furloughed employees and Mr. Hall is the only furloughed employee willing to accept position and accordingly it will be necessary to select an eligible from register to fill vacancy at Beaver Island Light Station.

[signature]
Superintendent

March 15, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

The 12th Superintendent has recommended the transfer of John M. Hall, who is on furlough from Old Orchard Shoal in your district, to South Fox Island Lightstation, Michigan, as 3d assistant keeper at $1260 per annum, plus quarters valued at $240 p.a.

The records show that at the time Hall was furloughed a temporary additional position was created for not to exceed one year from July 1, 1933, and that Ralph W. Rexinger was transferred to Old Orchard Shoal to occupy this position. Upon the transfer of Hall from the regular position to the 12th district, your office should submit Form 73a, in duplicate, transferring Rexinger to the regular position vice Hall, which will allow the temporary position to lapse.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

H-M

Form 73 R[illegible]:WJD

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1934 MAR - 15 - PM 3 : 23

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 10th DISTRICT,

Buffalo, N. Y. (City), March 14 (Date), 1934

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: (in duplicate)

Action recommended, TRANSFER

Name, JOHN M. HALL

Position, ~~Keeper~~ (2nd. Asst.)

Location, Toledo Harbor Lighthouse, Ohio.

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

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Proposed salary, $1500 per annum

Proposed range, $1500-1860 p.a.

Appropriation, Sals., Kprs. of L.H.

Former position, Keeper

Location, Old Orchard Shoal, N. Y. - 3d. Dist.

Former salary, $1740 per annum

Former range, $1680-2040 p.a.

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

not used

Previous incumbent and his pay, C.H.Craig Services terminated, July 11, 1933

Reason, Rem. cause (Absent from duties without satisfactory reasons therefor).

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, March 6, 1907.

Remarks: No quarters are provided by the Government for the family of this employee. Living quarters, valued at $60 per annum, are furnished this employee at the station. Mr. Hall is selected from list of furloughed employees dated 2/23/34.

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

See Bureau endorsement March 12, 1934 on our letter of March 7, 1934, and previous correspondence.

Roscoe House
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1934 MAR 16 AM 9 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

March 14, 1934.

SPECIAL

Appointments.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to letter dated March 13, transmitting nomination in the case of Hall for return from furlough and appointment to Third Assistant Keeper, South Fox Island Lt. Station, Mich.

The office failed to include justification form for approval in order that recovery of funds might be made for paying salary to the close of fiscal year. The initial impoundment in this case occurred by reason of death of A. Keller, Ile Aux Galet and subsequent transfers resulted in a vacancy at South Fox Island.

Sufficient copies of justification are enclosed for use in connection with the appointment in question.

Superintendent

(John M. Hall) Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington March 16, 1934

Returned to 12th Superintendent with advice that the transfer of Hall was proposed at a reduction from his former pay and therefore Presidential authority is not required and justification was not needed. Department approval of the reduction in pay is all that is required in this case, and this will be duly forwarded.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN

Administrative Assistant.

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On approval of Hall's transfer, the dist ~~from~~ where Hall was furloughed shd be notified & his position disc., salary to be impounded therefor. Presume this is followed in all such cases.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

JUL 20 PM 2:42

July 19, 1933.

Mr. John M. Hall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has furloughed you from the position of Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lightstation, New York, at $1740 per annum, for a period not to exceed one year from July 1, 1933.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[redacted]. J. GARDNER.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

JUL 21 1933

Form S. S.-93

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

Bureau Third Lighthouse District Date Staten Island, N.Y. June 23, 1933

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Furlough

Civil service authority

Name John M. Hall

Legal residence Rhode Island

	FROM—	TO—
Position	Keeper	
Classification		
Salary	$1740 p.a.	
Station	Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta., N.Y.	
Appropriation [2]	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses	

Vice

Effective Close June 30, 1933

Remarks: In accordance with Department Circular Letter E-14 dated Aug. 31, 1932.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, Washington, June 30, 1933.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending approval.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(For use of Department)

[1] Recommendations for reinstatement must be accompanied by Form S. S.-93A
[2] To be used only by bureaus operating under more than one appropriation unit.

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COPY: TM LIGHTHOUSES

1933 MAY - 18 - AM 9 : 10

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Old Orchard Shoals Lt.
May 14, 1933

Superintendent

Sir:

Subject: Rendering aid to disabled boat.

On the afternoon of May 14, 1933, Ernest F. Dickens and I, John M. Hall, were able to take three boys from their disabled sailing skiff and bring them into the station where we gave them coffee and allowed they to dry themselves.

After which I made the repairs needed to their boat, and at 7:00 P.M. the boys were able to resume their interrupted trip home.

Yours respectfully

John M. Hall,
Keeper.

Posted & filed
May 5/18

WJL:TM

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.
May 17, 1933

Copy forwarded to Commissioner:

It is not considered that the assistance rendered in this instance is of sufficient importance to warrant commendation and such action is not recommended.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels,
Assistant Superintendent.

COPY:TM

LIGHTHOUSES

1931 MAY-25- AM 9:04

May 21, 1932

WPH 5/25

Mr. John Hall

Lighthouse Dept. Supt.
St. George,
Staten Island, N.Y.

I wish to thank the keeper and the Dept. of Orchard Shoals Lighthouse. On May 20, 1932 I lost my propeller near the shoal and only for the watchful eye of the keeper seeing me and coming to my aid and towing me to Great Kills Dock, I might have lost my boat on the bar as the tide was falling.

Thanking, I am

Capt. R.C.Bentey,
Port Richmond,
N.Y.

WJL:TM

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.
May 24, 1932.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner.

It is not considered that the assistance rendered in this instance is of sufficient importance to warrant commendation and such action is not recommended.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

July 23, 1931.

SUBJECT: Letter of July 18 from 3d Superintendent re increase in pay, J. M. Hall, Keeper.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with advice that it is not considered that this adjustment can be acted upon at the present time, owing to the Department's policy governing increases in compensation. The Department's present policy is a very stringent one in regard to promotions and also in regard to filling vacancies, in the latter case the Department requiring it to be shown that detriment will result to the public service unless the vacancy is filled. In certain cases the Department has allowed a vacancy to be filled by advancing an incumbent from a lower grade with the restriction, however, that no increase in pay is approved.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF
Incl.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931 JUL 20 AM 10 04

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

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses. July 18,1931

SUBJECT: Increase in pay, J.M.Hall, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office May 28,1931 and Bureau letter of July 15,1931 re promotions.

1. It is noted from the Bureau's letter referred to above that no promotions have been approved effective July 1,1931. It is recommended that reconsideration be given to the matter of granting an increase in pay of $60 per annum to John M. Hall, Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.,who was included in recommendations forwarded with letter of May 28,1931. As indicated on the list forwarded with letter of May 28,1931, Keeper Hall was recommended for increase in pay on account of the fact that he has passed the examination pertaining to the operation of power fog signals. As the Bureau is aware, all Keepers in this District have been advised that those who succeed in passing the examination referred to, will be granted an increase in pay of $60 per annum, and keepers having been notified to this effect it would be unjust and unfair to deny such increase where a Keeper has qualified for it in accordance with instructions and understanding furnished to Keepers. Failure to grant such increase when earned will also result in the nullification of the entire plan, since there would be no special inducement for a Keeper to study and apply himself to improve his knowledge and capabilities in connection with the operation of power fog signals with the view of taking an examination and qualifying for an increase in pay of $60 per annum. The real purpose of the plan was not merely to provide a reason for granting an increase of $60 per annum to Keepers, but to create added interest with the view of Keepers improving in knowledge and ability, which is of greater value to the service than the $5.00 per month allowed to those Keepers who demonstrate sufficient capabilities to warrant an increase.

2. The recommendation that pay of John M. Hall, Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.be increased $60 per annum is therefore recommended.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

December 12, 1930.

Hon. Jesse H. Metcalf,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Metcalf:

In further reference to your letter of November 28 in the interest of Mr. John M. Hall, Keeper of Old Orchard Shoals Light Station, Staten Island, N. Y. who desires transfer to another station.

You are respectfully informed that Mr. Hall was probationally appointed on January 21, 1929. He has filed with the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York a list of stations to which he would accept transfer, and if suitable vacancies at any of these stations occur Mr. Hall's transfer thereto will be duly considered in accordance with the policy of the service, under which endeavor is made to give first consideration to keepers of long and meritorious service at undesirable stations whenever vacancies occur at more desirably located stations.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC

~~Copy to 2d Supt.~~
Copy to CC
Copy to 3d Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

FWO:FM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

December 4, 1930.

LIGHTHOUSES
1930 DEC 6 AM 8 53

12/2/30 wrote Metcalf

Hydro
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Engr. Constrn
Mar. Engr
Editor
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

Per advice me copy to 3rd 12/4

Returned to Commissioner.

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copy
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SUBJECT: John M. Hall, Keeper, Old Orchard Shoals Light Station.

REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement December 1, forwarding letter dated November 28 from Hon. Jesse H. Metcalf, and letter dated November 24 from John M. Hall, addressed to Hon. Jesse H. Metcalf.

1. John M. Hall was probationally appointed Assistant Keeper of Robbins Reef Light Station on January 21, 1929, and was promoted to Keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station on March 3, 1930. He has filed with this office a list of the stations to which he would accept transfer as Keeper in the event of a vacancy. A copy of the list referred to is enclosed. Vacancies in the position of Keeper at the stations on Mr. Hall's list do not occur frequently, and in the event of such a vacancy it is quite probable that there would be applications from other keepers with a longer period of service than Mr. Hall, which, other things being equal, would give them preference in connection with selecting a man for the place. However, in the event of a vacancy at any of the stations included in Mr. Hall's list, he will be considered therefor in accordance with the existing regulations governing the transfer and promotion of keepers.

2. It will be noted that Mr. Hall's transfer list is dated November 23, 1930, and includes 24 stations. The transfer list previously on file, which was superseded by the list dated November 23, included only 11 stations, and of the 11 stations, only two were in Rhode Island.

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December 1, 1930.

Hon. Jesse H. Metcalf,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Metcalf:

In reference to your letter of November 28 inclosing one from Mr. John M. Hall, Keeper, Old Orchard Shoals Light Station, New York relative to his desire for transfer.

You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration, and you will be further advised at an early date.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC

JESSE H. METCALF, R. I., CHAIRMAN
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Honorable George R. Putnam,
Commissioner, Bureau of Lighthouses,
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My dear Sir:

I enclose, herewith, a letter from Mr. John M. Hall, Keeper, Old Orchard Shoals Light Station, Miller's Field, New Dork, Staten Island, which is self-explanatory. If it is possible to give Mr. Hall a station nearer his home (Westerly, Rhode Island) I shall be very grateful.

Yours very truly,

Jesse H. Metcalf

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
December 1, 1930.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for report and return.

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Hon. Jesse H. Metcalf.
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12/1/30 Acknd to Metcalf 12/8/30 wrote Metcalf

Dear Sir:

I, John W. Hall of Westerly R.I. have been trying for the past year to obtain a transfer to some light Station nearer to my home town or State, but so far I have met with nothing but failure.

I would like to know if there is any way or any help you may be able to give me to obtain said transfer at the earliest possible date.

Yours respectfully,

John W. Hall. Kpr.
Old Orchard Shoals Lt. Sta.
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New York. L.I.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Old Orchard Shoals Lt. Sta.
November 23, 1930.

Superintendent, Sir:

Subject: Transfer.

In the event that a vacancy should occur at one of the following listed stations, I would like to be considered for transfer to same as keeper

Beavertail, R.I.
Block Island, S.E., R.I.
Eatons Neck, R. I.
Execution Rocks, N.Y.
Falkners Island, Conn.
Great Capt Is., Conn.
Greens Ledge, Conn.
Hog Is. Shoals, R. I.
Latimer Reef, N. Y.
Little Gull Is. N. Y.
Montauk Point, N. Y.
New Haven, Conn.
New London Ledge, Conn.
Pecks Ledge, Conn.
Penfield, Reef, Conn.
Plum Beach, R. I.
Point Judith, R. I.
Rose Island, R. I.
Sakonnet, R. I.
Southwest Ledge, Conn.
Stratford Point, Conn.
Warwick, R. I.
Watch Hill, R. I.
Whale Rock, R. I.

Yours respectfully,

(s) John M. Hall, Keeper.

RLC:EMF

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Washington DC FEB 28 1930

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

Transfer john m hall approved

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CONFIRMATION:

To Dept. 2-19-30
John M. Hall, Kpr.,
Old Orchard Shoal, L.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd - DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1930, 19---
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, John M. Hall

Position, Keeper

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

Effective, Feb.22,1930 {1 the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Proposed salary, $1680 p.a.

Proposed range, $1680-$1980 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

Former position, Keeper

Location, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Former salary, $1500 p.a.

Former range, $1500-$1800 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Christopher Connolly (LT.#1619) Services terminated, Feb. 21,1930

Reason, Dismissed (Salary $1680 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Hall re uesting this transfer attached hereto.

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

J. T. YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

FEB 19 1930

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Washington, D. C.,

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Saint George, New York.

JAN 12 1929

appointment keeper hall approved

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CONFIRMATION:

John M. Hall, Keeper,
Robbins Reef Light Station, N.J.

to Dept. 1-9-29

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N.Y. Jan. 7, 1929, 19...
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
REC'D.
JAN 8 1929

(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment. Legal residence, Rhode Island

Name, John M. Hall — Proposed salary, $1500 p.a.

Position, Keeper — Proposed range, $1500-$1800 p.a

Location, Robbins Reef Lt.Sta.,N.J. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective, Jan.12,1929 — [1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location, — Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 81.0, Other eligibles considered:
Antone L. Duarte---C. William E.Riedel---C. Joseph Poole---FR*
Albert J. Lathan---FR* *Names removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Frank Loftin Services terminated, Jan.9,1929

Reason, Transferred (Salary $1500 p.a.)

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, March 6,1907

Remarks:

No employee of District desired transfer to this position.
There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station.
Mr.Hall has had no previous service in the Lighthouse Service.

Nos.1,2 & 5 on eligible list will accept appointment only at light stations where family quarters are provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1-8, 1929

J. T. YATES

Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 9 1929

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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