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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Harper, Walter, J.		1896 NY

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: 1982

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 (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1920	To: 1922
(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: C-00080355 8

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: Archival search 8/25

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- ☒ 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:

Walter J. Harper

Walter J. Harper

Walter J. Harper

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Conn.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper (Prob.) Penfield Reef L. S. Conn.	$780	L.H.	Jan 16, 1921.
" " " " "	840	"	Sept. 21, 1921
RESIGNED CLOSE OF		Aug 31, 1923	

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Jan. 19,1921 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Walter J. Harper

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $780 per annum

Location, Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 16,1921 { 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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.8 , Other eligibles considered:
Edward E. Morris C. Edw.M.Grant FR. (Name removed from register)
John J.Ambrose FR. (Name removed from register) Carl Erickson A.

Previous incumbent, Edward M. Cage Services terminated, Dec.28,1920

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty Jan.16,1921 was necessary for the reason 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. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.3,7 & 8 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided. Nos.5 & 6 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified lights. Mr.Harper was born on Feb.8,1896.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, February 5,1921. 19

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 9 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Assistant *Secretary,* 2nd *Civil Service District.*

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON FEB 7 - 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1921.

Mr. Walter J. Harper,

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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter on (January 16, 1921) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

S Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Vice: Edward M. Gage

Legal Residence: Connecticut
3rd district (See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED FEB 9 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES

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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 FEB 21 PM 1 08

I, Walter J. Harper

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.

Walter J. Harper
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 15 day of February, A. D. 1921

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Ernest Pickell

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 12 1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$780. p.a.	Penfield Reef Lt.Sta., Conn.
Former [5]		

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

CARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Feb 18-1921 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Jan. 16, 1921 (Date)

J. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)
Supt. Lighthouses 3rd Dist.

[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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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LIGHTHOUSES

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

APPOINTMENT
FEB 21 1921

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This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Walter J. Harper
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third
4. Place of duty: Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $780.00 per annum
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ——, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

By examination for Keepers - Dec.18,1920

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

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

Mr. Walter James Harper.

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

Walter J. Harper.

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

Conn.	Fairfield	Bridgeport	~~2nd~~ 4th
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Brooklyn. New York.

7. When were you born? Feb. (Month.) 8 (Day.) 1896 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married but Separated

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

Mr. Chas. Harper (Name.) 272 Stratford ave. (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn. (State or territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
39 artillery	Jan 31, 1918	Jan 27, 1919	Armistice

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

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19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public school

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

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

~~Have not this~~

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22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Feb 15, 1921

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Walter J. Harper.

(Present address) 272 Stratford ave.
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feb 18-1921

(Signature) J. O'Yates

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 SEP 9 AM 10 05

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) September 7th, (Date.) 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENTS

1921 SEP 9 PM 1 18

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Harper — Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840. p. a.

Location, Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.,Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 21,1921. { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $780. p. a.

Location, Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Julius E. Becker — Services terminated, September 20, 1921.

Reason, Transferred.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 10 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

9/9/21.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

V. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 8 - 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1921.

Mr. Walter J. Harper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $780 per annum to $840 per annum, effective September 21, 1921 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,

(ISSUED) E. M. C[illegible]

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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3rd district

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 12 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Cross reference

October 17, 1921, The Depar Bureau of Lighthouses advises the Department of t the date of effect of the following change.

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective Date
Walter J. Happef	Keeper	$840 pa.	Promotion	9/9/21	9/ 21/21

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
CHIEF CLERK
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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug.13, 1923

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 15 1923
APPROPRIATION

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Walter J. Harper Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

Salary, $840.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Aug.21,1923

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

Remarks:

DEPARTMENT DIVISION
ACTION TAKEN
AUG 23 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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J. T. Ayres

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 14 1923

Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Bayfield Bluff Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 9, 1923.

Supt Of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York.

LIGHTHOUSES
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As I expect a better job with better advancement. I wish to hand in my resignation to get through Sept. 1, 1923. Would like to have you send my check to my home address at 272 Stratford ave Bridgeport Conn.

Walter J. Harper 1st Asst Keeper
approved Rudolph Stenglein Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1923.

M

Through Walter J. Harper.

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 on

Bureau August 31, 1923.

Station Lighthouse Service.

Position Penfield Reef Light Sta., Conn.

Salary Keeper

By direction of the Secretary: $840.00 per annum.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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3rd.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
AUG 23 1923
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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 110
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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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1. Harper (Surname) Walter (Given name) J. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Penfield Reef Light Station
   (c) City or town Fairfield State Conn.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title 1st Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight to or Midnight to Sunrise
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 840.00 per "; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid ---
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ---; number of lessons ---; number completed ---

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100

18a. Not specified, stand watches, work equally divided, average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.

19. Does employee work under immedia[illegible]upervision, or to a large extent upon his own resp[illegible]bili[illegible] (Describe fully.)

Works unier the supervision of the Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

General supervision of the work of the Second Assistant Keeper in the absence of the Keeper.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 2 Years

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

JUN 20 1923, 1923.
(Date)

J. T. Yates
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Superintendent.
(Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy		X	
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)	X		
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)		X	

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Lighthouse apparatus, boating, gasolene engines, oil engines, painting.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1440 to $1560

JUN 20 1923, 1923.
(Date)

J. T. Yates
(Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent.
(Title)

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
RECEIVED
COMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Walter J. Harper

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third

4. Place of duty: Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn. (City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $750.00 per annum

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

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

By examination for Keepers - Dec. 18, 1920

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

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

Mr Walter James Harper.

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

Walter J. Harper.

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

Conn. (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Bridgeport (City or town.) ~~2nd~~ 4th (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

6. Where were you born? Brooklyn New York.

7. When were you born? Feb. (Month.) 8 (Day.) 1896 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") married but Separated

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

Mr. Chas Harper (Name.) 272 Stratford ave. (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn. (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position ..... Department or office		
		Position ..... Department or office		
		Position ..... Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.).....

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
39 artillery	Jan 31. 1918	Jan 27/1919	armistice

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Walter J. Harper
(Name.)

2nd asst keeper
(Position.)

U.S.L.H. House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Feb 15, 1921.

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(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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

Machinest

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

~~Have but this.~~

Keepers - Dec - 18 - 1920

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Feb 15, 1921

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Walter J. Harper

(Present address) 272 Stratford ave
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feb 18-1921, 19~~20~~.

(Signature) J. T. YATES.

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

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19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School

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

Machinest

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

~~Have but this.~~

Keepers - Dec - 18 - 1920

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Feb 15, 1921

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Walter J. Harper

(Present address) 272 Stratford ave
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn.
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feb 18-1921, ~~19~~

(Signature) J. T. YATES.

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef St. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1, 1921

Walter J. Harper

Supt. Lighthouses
Tompkinsville
New York.

I do not care to be considered for the position of keeper of West Bank Lt Sta.

Harper 1st Asst

Stan Keeper.

1600

FWC-JHG

VCPS. Mess JP

Fred Hammarock

Walter J. Harper, 1st Asst.Keeper, Sept. 26,1921
Through the Keeper,
Penfield Reef Light Station,
Fairfield, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position of keeper of West Bank Lt.Sta.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not, in the event of a vacancy, you would be willing to accept the position of keeper of West Bank Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay. The total monthly pay is $118.50 consisting of base pay of $85.00 per month, ration allowance of 45 cents per day, and a temporary increase or bonus of $20 per month. Quarters are provided for the three keepers at this station, but no quarters are provided for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island. The light at this station is a 4th order oil vapor, and the fog signal a second class reed horn.

J. T. YATES.

Copy-NZ.

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Mr. J.T. Yates,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

The Seymour Company

St. Louis, Mo. 3/1/22

Dear Sir:-

We received an order from this person who desires to make a purchase on credit to be paid in monthly installments. AS YOUR NAME was given as reference, we presume you are acquainted with this party and can give us desired credit information which will be highly appreciated and will be held strictly confidential, and will in no way make you responsible for the debt.

Report wanted on Walter James Harper, of Penfield Ref. St., St., Fairfield, Conn., Box #247, Age 26, single and white, Gives occupation as lighthouse keeper, and employed by J.T. Yates, for one year, formerly employed by Ashcroft Mfg.Co., for nine years.

How long have you known this person? Jan.16, 1921

Is this person married? Married but separated. About how old? 26

What is this person's employment or business? 1st Asst.Kpr.Penfield Rf. Lt.Sta.

Employed by whom? U.S. Lighthouse Service. How long? Since Jan.16, 1921.

Does this person pay local bills promptly? Not known.

Have you had credit dealings with this person? No.

If so, largest amount? -

Would you consider person good for $31.00 So far as known.

at.....$6.00 with order, balance $3.10 per month.

Did you ever hear of this person refusing to pay any just debts? No

Do you consider this person honest and truthful? Yes

Are the habits of this person good or bad? Good so far as known.

Nationality or color? White

What does this person earn a month? $103.50

What do you think this person is worth? Unable to state

Name and address of some relative of this person Not known.

Any information you may give us will be highly appreciated and any favor shown will be cheerfully reciprocated at an opportune time.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, we are

Yours truly,
THE SEYMOUR COMPANY.

J.T. YATES.
Supt.of Lighthouses 3d Dist.
Staten Island, N.Y.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

6325 (75) Hatfield

(75)

REQUEST

Penfield Reef (Station.), May 29, 1922.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Five days of shore liberty or leave, from June 1st to June 5th, inclusive, 1922. I have had 49 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Howard J. Harper (Name.), 272 Stratford Ave, Bridgeport, Conn. (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

1247 Brook Ave (Street or R. D. Route.), New York (City), N. Y. (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

H. J. Harper 1st Asst.
Keeper in charge.

Rudolph Ster
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, May 31, 1922, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for Five days, from June 1st to June 5th, inclusive, 1922.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. YATES

Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 2 P. M. June 1st, 1922.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 2 P. M. June 6, 1922
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: Five (5) days.

Period charged: Five (5) days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

H. J. Harper 1st Asst.
Keeper in charge.

Rudolph Ster
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Penfield Reef Lt. Sta.
Fairfield, Conn.
May 29th, 1922

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 31 1922
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Supt. of Lighthouses:-
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Respectfully request that the leave applied for be granted. I am moving from New York City and desire the time for packing. I am furnishing a substitute because a new man has not yet been sent to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of the 2nd. Asst. The five (5) days to be deducted from my monthly leave.

Very truly,
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Feb. 20, 1923.

Supt. Of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville
New York.

Subject— Position of Keeper of Fire Island Lt. Sta.

In the event of a vacancy
as Keeper of Fire Island Lt. Sta.
I do not wish to be transfered

W. J. Harper 1st Asst Keeper
Stark, 1 Keeper.

[redacted] p a. Fl. W.

1st Order
Oil vapor
Quarters

Position of Keeper, Fire Is. Lt. Sta.

Station	Name	Rank		Entd Service
Penfield Reef	W. J. Harper	1-a.k.	X-	Jan 16-'21
do	Leonard Hamsworth	2 a k		Jan 14-'23
West Banks	m a DeRoza	1 a k		apl. 17-'22
do	J. H. Versfelt	2 a k		July 12-'22
Roman Shoal	Luke Murray	1 a k		nov. 1-'22
Old Orchard	M. J. Gilmore	2 a k		Dec. 23-'22
Greens Ledge	D A Sullivan	1 a k		Feb. 20-'22
do	Harry B Dean	2 a k		Sept 1-'22
Pecks Lg	Geo. H Barker	1 a k	X-	May 13-'21
do	Geo H Clarke	2 a k	X	May 17-'21
Latimer Reef	Edw J Wills	1 a k		March 27-'22
do	M. J. Freitas Jr	2 a k		apr. 7-'22
New Ldn Lg	J. H. Southmayd	1 a k		nov. 21-'21
do	Wm J Molonson	2 a k		Oct. 13-'22
Southwest Lg	Geo Patzolt	1 a k		June 24-'22
do	Wm J Trainor	2 a k		Dec. 1-'22
Saboonet	Andrew Gruss	1 a k		Feb. 1-'22
do	G. H Griffith	2 a k		Sept. 29. '22

William H. Bailey the 1st Asst. Keeper of Fire Island Lt. Sta. entered the service July 16, 1921. Only those marked X have been in the service longer than he.

FWO-JHB

Geo.H.Barker, 1 A K, Pecks Ledge
W.J.Harper, 1 A K, Penfield Reef

Feb. 12,1923

SUBJECT: Position of keeper of Fire Island Lt.Sta.

1. You are requested to advise this office by return mail as to whether or not, in the event of a vacancy, you would be willing to accept the position of keeper of Fire Island Light Station, located on Fire Island New York. The total pay of this position is $108.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $75.00 per month, the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day, and a temporary increase or bonus of $20.00 per month.

2. The light at this station is a First Order, oil vapor, flashing. There is no fog signal. Quarters are provided for the families of the three keepers.

3. An immediate reply is requested.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Fairfield R. H. 4/4/23

3890

REQUEST

Penfield Reef, 191
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 22 days of shore liberty or leave, from Mar. 11th to April 1st, inclusive, 1923 I have had 25 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Edward Hurley, 169 Eagle Ave Bridgeport Conn.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

272 Stratford ave, Bridgeport, Conn.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

Rudolph Stam
Keeper in charge.

Walter J. Harper
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, March 14, 1923

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 22 days, from March 11th to April 1st, inclusive, 1923.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" ~~or "need not."~~)

J. F. Wells
xxxxx, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 12 M. March 11th, 1923
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8 A.M. April 2, 1923
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ~~21 5/6~~ 21 1/3 days.

Period charged: ~~22~~ 21 1/3 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Rudolph Stam
Keeper in charge.

Walter J. Harper
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

11—852

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 13 1923
2ND DIST. U.S.

THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Mar 11, 1923

Request to turn
subs at home
Ordr.

Supt. Of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

I am enclosing form #76 of which there is only one on the station requesting leave of absence for so many days. As I am effected with stomach trouble and can not receive proper attention at the light. So it is necessary that this leave be granted. I have already had my monthly leave.

W. J. Harper 1st Asst Keeper

Respectfully request that above leave be granted.

J. Tenny Keeper

13/14

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

WJL-JHC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug.13,1923, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Walter J. Harper Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

Salary, $840.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Aug.31,1923

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

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

WJL-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1923, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Walter J. Harper Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

Salary, $840.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Aug. 31, 1923

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

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

VCPS 8/30/23

Mess

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 11 1923
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THIRD DISTRICT

per Duke

Penfield Reef L.S.Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 9, 1923

Supt. Of Lighthouses
Staten Island.
New York.

As I expect a better job with better advancement. I wish to hand in my resignation to get through Sept. 1, 1923. Would like to have you send my check to my home address. at 272 Stratford Ave. Bridgeport Conn. — Complied with — PS 8/30/23

Walter J. Harper 1st asst Keeper
Approved. Rudolph Stay, Keeper.

FWC-JHG

Walter J. Harper, Keeper,
Penfield Reef Light Station,
Fairfield, Connecticut

Aug.13,1923

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.9,1923.

1. Your letter, dated August 9,1923, resigning your position as 1st Assistant Keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of August 31,1923.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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WJL-JHG

Aug.13,1923

1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of Penfield Reef Lt.Sta. 2nd Asst.Keeper Hainsworth has to-day been nominated for promotion to the position of 1st Asst.Keeper. Steps have been taken to obtain a new 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1923 AUG 24 AM 7 48

August 16, 1923.

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Through Walter J. Harper.

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 on

Bureau ~~August 31, 1923.~~

Station Lighthouse Service.

Position Penfield Reef Light Sta., Conn.

Salary Keeper

By direction of the Secretary: $840.00 per annum.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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3rd.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 2 1923
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THIRD DISTRICT

Bonfield Reef
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 1st, 1923.

Supt. of Lighthouses:-
Staten Island, N.Y.

Walter J. Harper, 1st Asst. left this station on Aug. 31st, 10 A.M. at which time his resignation took effect.

Yours, Respt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef L.H. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Feb 10, 1923

Supt. Of Lighthouses
Tompkinsvill
New York.

Below is a list of stations that I would except as keeper in case of a vacancy.

X Absecon
X Black Rock
X Castle Hill
X Coney Island
X Penfield Reef
X Stratford Point
X Watch Hill

W. J. Harper 1st asst Keeper
Stan. Keeper.

TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 10, 1923

Supt Of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville
New York

Below is a list of stations that I would except as keeper in case of a vacancy.

Absecon
Black Rock
Castle Hill
Coney Island
Penfield Reef
Stratford Point
Watch Hill

Harper 1st Asst Keeper
Stan, Keeper

Form 76

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Hartford
A.R.H.
N/5th

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REQUEST

Penfield Reef (Station.), Jan 9th 1923

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 10 days of shore liberty or leave, from Jan 6th to 16th, inclusive, 1923 I have had no days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Howard Harper (Name.), 272 Stratford Ave (P. O. Address.) Bridgeport Conn

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

272 Stratford Ave (Street or R. D. Route.), Bridgeport (City.), Conn (State.).

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

Harper
(Applicant's signature.)

Iten
Keeper in charge.

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Jan. 11, 1923., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ten days, from Jan. 6th to Jan. 15th, inclusive, 1923.

Substitute must be (Insert "must" or "need not.") be furnished during this absence.

J. T. Yates
~~Inspector~~, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 A. M. 1/6 (State nearest hour.), 1923.

Returned to duty: At 2 P. M. 1/15 (State nearest hour.), 1923.

Period of absence: 9/4 ~~9 days 6 hrs~~ days.

Period charged: 9/4 ~~10~~ days.

Walter J Harper
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

Rudolph Iten
Keeper in charge.

11—882

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Perm - stop pay
Ask how long effects treasury
Instr to apply for leave and form
Ack 1/10
Approved 1/10

Penfield Reef L Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 9, 1923

Supt of Lighthouses.
Staten Island N.Y.

On January 6th 1923 I was compelled to leave this station due to sickness and immeadiately furnished the keeper with a substitute. The doctors have deaignosed my case as ulcer of the stomach and I may have to undergo an operation. If not will return to station when able.

Walter J. Harper
P. Stan Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Bergen Beach L.H. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 22, 1922.

Supt Of Lighthouses
Staten Island
New York,

Subject: Transfer

In the event of a vacancy as keeper of Great Beds Lt. Sta or Stamford Harbor Lt. Sta. I do not wish to transfer to either Station

W. J. Harper 1st Asst Keeper
In absent of Keeper

Penfield Reef Lt Sta
Fairfield Conn
May. 2, 1922.

W. J. Harper



Supt Of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Subject- Position Of Keeper New Haven Ft.

In case of a vacancy of Keeper at above station I do not wish to be transferred.

Yours Thankfully

W. J. Harper 1st asst Keep
Stm - Keeper.

P.S. Please pardon paper as Keeper is short of regulation stationary

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 23 1922
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Beg. F. Sta. Fairfield Conn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
March 19, 1922

Supt. Of Light Houses
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

Subject. Transfer to Great Captains Island Lt Sta.

Letter dated March. 13, 1922. received. And in regards to transfer to Great Captains Island Lt Sta as assistant Keeper. I wish to say that I would (not) like to be transfered to above station mentioned.

Yours Thankfully.

H. J. Harper 1st Asst Keeper
In absent of Keeper

FWO-JHS

Walter J. Harper, 1st Asst.Keeper, March 13,1922
Through the Keeper,
Penfield Reef Light Station,
Fairfield, Conn.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Great Captains Island Lt.Sta.

1. Advise this office by return mail, whether or not, in the event of a vacancy, you would like to be transferred to the position of Assistant Keeper of Great Captains Island Lt.Sta.,, located off shore in Long Island Sound, near Port Chester, N. Y. The total monthly pay of this position is $88.50, consisting of base pay of $55.00 per month, temporary increase or bonus of $20 per month, and the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day. Quarters are provided for the families of the two keepers at this station. The light is a 4th order oil vapor, and the fog signal a 1st class air siren. Should you be selected for this position, transportation charges would be at your own expense.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1921 FEB

February 9, 1921.

Mr. Walter J. Harper.

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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter on duty (January 15, 1921) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Vice: Edward M. Gage

Legal Residence: Connecticut
3rd district

(See reverse side.)

Form 73

1922

NOMINATION

FWO:MAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) September 7th, (Date.), 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Walter J. Harper — Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840. p. a.

Location, Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.,Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September 21,1921. — the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $780. p. a.

Location, Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Julius E. Becker — Services terminated, September 20, 1921.

Reason, Transferred.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks:

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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCL:SS

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
September 2nd, 1921.

Superintendent.

SUBJECT: Penfield Reef First Assistant swapping with Race Rock Additional Keeper.

1. In accordance with your instructions, I inquired of Keeper Iten re the proposed exchange of assistants. He informed me that he had no desire to have Additional Keeper Reuter of Race Rock return to Penfield Reef as first assistant Keeper. He much prefers to have 2nd Asst.Keeper Baker promoted to first assistant and Reuter come as second assistant.

2. He stated that he was not aware that he should make recommendation to that effect or he would have done so.

3. He thought he had only to express his opinion on the advisability of exchange of keepers being granted.

4. First Asst.Becker stated that his reason for wanting to be transferred to Race Rock was to obtain additional experience and fit himself for a better position. The additional keeper took the initiative in moving for the exchange.

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OCL:SS

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J. P. YATES

FWO:MAL.

September 16, 1921.

Walter J. Harper, 2d Ass't. Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
Penfield Reef Light Station,
Fairfield, Conn.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Sept. 9, 1921, promoting you from 2d assistant to 1st assistant keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on September 21st, 1921.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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September 9, 1921.

Mr. Walter J. Harper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $780 per annum to $840 per annum, effective September 21, 1921 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,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

S
3rd district

A. to C

9-27-21

Walter J. Harper entered on duty as 1st Asst Keeper of Penfield Reef on Sept 21. 1921

Lord P.S.
9/27/21

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 15th, 1921.

FWO-JHG

June 14,1921

Rudolph Iten, Keeper,
Penfield Reef Light Station,
Fairfield, Conn.

SUBJECT: Probation of Walter J. Harper.

Reference: Your letter dated June 14th. 1921.

1. The probationary period of employment of Walter J. Harper, 2nd assistant keeper at Penfield Reef Light Station, will expire on July 15,1921. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

The services of Walter J. Harper 2nd asst Keeper have been entirely satisfactory.

J. T. YATES

Iten, Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 15th, 1921.

Per O.K. Ede 6/17

Supt. of Lighthouses:-
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Reference:- Your letter Dated June 14th, 1921.

Subject:- Probation of Walter J. Harper.

The services of Walter J. Harper 2nd asst Keeper have been entirely satisfactory.

Stan, Keeper.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Form 206 File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District,

Place, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Date, Feb. 2,1921, 191

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:

Please examine Walter J. Harper, 2nd Asst.Keeper, West Bank Lt.Sta,

nativity, United States; age, 25; height, 5 feet, 6 inches;

weight, 133 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, None

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

J. T. YATES.

Respectfully,

Supt.3d L. H. Dist. ~~Lighthouse Inspector.~~

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(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by B Keeper, Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place,

Date, , 191

To Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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No reply JHG

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

Walter J. Harper, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Penfield Reef Light Station,
Fairfield, Conn.

Feb. 2,1921

SUBJECT: Physical Examination.

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light-Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No.187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A", and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Per
EJC.

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

Jan. 21,1921

Rudolph Iten.....Keeper
Penfield Reef.....Light Station,
Fairfield, Conn.

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper..Walter J. Harper....., and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate:-

Born in(Country or State)..Brooklyn, New York
Age.....25.....
Height.....5.....feet.....8.....inches.
Weight.....133.....pounds
Color of hair..Brown.....
Color of eyes..Blue.....
Distinguishing marks..None.....

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Rudolph Iten
.....Keeper

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NO-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Jan. 19,1921 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C. S. District)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Walter J. Harper

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $780 per annum

Location, Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 16,1921 { 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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.8 , Other eligibles considered:

Edward E. Morris C. Edw.M.Grant FR. (Name removed from register)
John J.Ambrose FR. (Name removed from register) Carl Erickson A.

Previous incumbent, Edward M. Gage

Services terminated, Dec.28,1920

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty Jan.16,1921 was necessary for the reason 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. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.3,7 & 8 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided. Nos.5 & 6 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified lights. Mr.Harper was born on Feb.8,1896.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

Follow up 2-10-21

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Classified under Lighthouse Retirement Law - Mark "A".

1st Asst.Supt.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Penfield Reef.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)
Jan 16th, 1921.

Supt. of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Walter J. Harper reported at this station at 10 A.M. Jan. 16th 1921 & entered on duty as 2nd asst. Keeper.

Asst Keeper.

E & O D Jan. 16-1921

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES.

LIGHTHOUSES 1921 FEB 11 PM 4 00 Third DISTRICT.

SUPERINTENDENT of LIGHTHOUSES RECEIVED FEB 10 1921 TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. Feb. 10, 1921

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Form 73, nomination) from this office dated Jan.19,1921 on the subject of nomination of Walter J. Harper, 2nd assistant keeper of Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.,Conn.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
February 12, 1921.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., attention being invited to notice of appointment dated February 9, 1921.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Jan. 13 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Dear Sir.

Received notice in which to report for duty on Penfield Reef Sta. and as my earliest date will report there for duty Sun. morning Jan. 16, 1921 Hoping I will be as good service as wanted and thanking you very much.

yours truly

Walter J. Harper.

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FWO-JHG

Walter J. Harper,
272 Stratford Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Jan. 12,1921

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper, Penfield Reef Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 5,1921.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address are Rudolph Iten, Fairfield, Conn. Advise this office by return mail of the probable date on which you will report for duty.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of Penfield Reef Lt.Sta., Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Harper reports for duty as 2nd assistant keeper.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It Is Important that this letter be answered promptly

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Walter J. Harper,
Bridgeport, Conn.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1921 .19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, located off shore in Long Island Sound, Conn.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Salary: $98.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $65.00 p.m., ration allowance $13.50 p.m., and temporary increase of ~~per annum~~ $20 per month.

Quarters: are provided for keepers, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Fairfield, Conn.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of 45 cents per day will be paid ~~in addition to as salary~~ stated above.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
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The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 5 or 7 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Walter J. Harper

Date Jan. 5, 1921. (Post-office address) 272 Stratford Ave

Bpt Conn

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Walter J. Harper,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Walter J. Harper

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. DEC 23 1920, 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of West Bank Lt.Sta.,,located off shore in New York Lower Bay.
$98.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $65 p.m.,ration allowance $13.50
Salary: p.m. and temporary increase of $20 p.m. ~~XXXXX XX~~ per annum. to June 30,1921.
Quarters: provided for keepers, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)
can probably be rented on Staten Island.
Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range, bedding,
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)
kitchen utensils and dishes.

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of 45 cents per day will be paid ~~in addition to~~ as ~~salary~~ stated above.

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Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? No

If selected, I can report for duty in ..... days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes if satisfactory

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

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		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

Would rather have my name kept on file for a light on Long Island Sound knowing the waters I would be to your better service

(Signature) Walter J. Harper

Date .....

(Post-office address) 272 Stratford ave Bridgeport Conn

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 27 1922
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Penfield Reef Lt Sta. Fairfield Conn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
March 22, 1922,

Supt. Of Light Houses
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

Subject. Position of Keeper, Little Gull Island Lt Sta.

Letter dated March 18, 1922. received. And in regards to the event of a vacancy at above station mentioned. I do not wish to be considered for the position of Keeper of Little Gull Island Lt Sta..

Yours Thankfully.

W. J. Harper 1st Asst Keeper

In absent of Keeper