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Burns, Andrew	4563213
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Harrison, John, E.		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (LA) 8th dist		
From: 1931	To: 1938	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To: HOLD Needs again as of 2/16/26	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John E Harrison (Name)

Florida (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION—DISTRICT	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	—	1260	Prob	L H	8th Dist., Sabine Pass	10-1-31
"	—	1320	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	"	"	May 1, 1932
"	—	1260	Transfer	L. H.	Head of Passes L S	Oct 24, 1932
"	—	1380	"	"	Sabine Pass L.S.	9-10-34
"	—	1440	Prom.	"	" "	July 1, 1936
"	—	1620	"	"	" "	1-1-1937
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

January 15, 1938.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

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 January 15, 1938.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1620 per annum.

Station ..... Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JAN 15 1938

Chief, Division of Personnel.

Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 17 8 51 AM '37

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 5 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., December 14, 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

In file

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

Name, John E. Harrison — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Florida — Station, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Salary, $1620 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of January 15, 1938

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

Remarks:

E. S. Rauschl
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON January 4, 1938

1-5-38

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~ recommending acceptance without prejudice effective at the close of January 15, 1938.

In view of the resignation of Mr. Harrison, his transfer to S.W. Pass E. Jetty Lights and Fog Signal Station, which was approved by Department letter dated December 13, was not carried into effect, and the Depa rtment's letter is herewith returned for cancellation.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 17 8 51 AM '37
DEC 13 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Sabine Pass
Dec. 10. 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

Please except My resignation effective January 15. 1938.
My reason for this action is I do not desire to be transfered to any Station on the Mississipi River.
I feel that this will give the Office ample time to make another selection for Dist asst Keeper at South West Pass Jetty Light Sta.

Respt.
E. E. Harrison
Keeper

Form A-38

LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 3 9 10 AM '37

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~
WASHINGTON
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

December 13, 1937.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of 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,

Chief, Division of Personnel.
~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

From: $1620 per annum.

To: $1680 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1937.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of 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,

DEC 15 1937

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1620 per annum.

To: $1680 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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DEC 7 1937

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1937 NOV 24 8 52 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) November 22 (Date) 1937

RECEIVED DEC 7 1937 J. M. JOHNSON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 26 1937 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 13 1937 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Legal residence, Florida

In file Name, John Edward Harrison (1st asst.)

Proposed salary, $1680 p.a. Plus $60 quarters

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Proposed range, $1680-$2040 $60 quarters

Location, S.W.Pass E.Jetty Lts.& Fog Signal Station, La.

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Kprs.

Effective, December 16, 1937

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Former salary, $1620 p.a. Plus $240 quarters

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Former range, $1620-$1980 240 quarters

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

James F. Goodson 12#2036

Previous incumbent and his pay, $1680 p.a. to be Services terminated, December 15, 1937

Reason, To be transferred to Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: November 1, 1904

Remarks: As approved by Bureau letter of November 11, 1937, and as recommended in letter from this office of June 26, 1937.

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

11-22-37

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

E. S. Lauhoff
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON November 24, 1937.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved., attention being invited to Bureau letter of caution dated September 13, 1937, attached to this employee, a copy of which was furnished the Department. Keeper Harrison has failed to develop satisfactory supervisory ability in the conduct of the work and in the direction of other personnel at the station. Therefore his transfer to assistant keeper is recommended, and while it involves a demotion and reduction in gross pay, it is proposed in the interests of the Service with a view to promoting harmony at Sabine Pass.

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy. DEC 11 1937

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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...LYING ADDRESS
...NER OF LIGHTHOUSES
...ER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1937 SEP 14 PM 2 07
CHIEF CLERK

To Sept 5

September 13, 1937

John E. Harrison, Keeper
Sabine Pass Light Station, Louisiana
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

The Bureau has made careful study of a report that you have been guilty of permitting unauthorized absences from the station which you did not report to the Superintendent, of permitting your relatives to reside at the station without first having obtained the necessary authority therefor, and that you have shown a lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of the other keepers at the station. The statement in paragraph 10 of your letter of June 17 to the Superintendent that you had found William Stokes, former assistant keeper, asleep on watch several times has been noted (but it does not appear that you reported any of these occurrences to the office at the time), as has also your letter of June 21 quoting your statement to assistant keeper Brooks to the effect that he had better wish you were put off the station because you were going according to the rules in the future.

The Bureau has given careful consideration to all the reports in connection with your case; it has also given consideration to the indications that you have been energetic in your attempt to improve certain conditions at the station, together with the fact that you are young and have had only a few months' experience as keeper in charge of the station. After weighing all of these factors, it has been decided to give you another chance, under close observation, in your present assignment. You are cautioned, however, that you should be more tactful and not threatening in the direction of the station personnel; that the duties of a keeper in connection with the operation and maintenance of aids to navigation involve the safeguarding of life and property, and that therefore sleeping on watch is a serious matter and one to be reported promptly to the Superintendent; and that further infractions of the regulations on your part or your permission of such on the part of others will lead to more drastic disciplinary action. The fact that you have been cautioned in this instance will be made a part of your official record.

CARDED

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Copy to Secretary of Commerce for information.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 27 1937
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

1937 JAN 26 PM 2 24
LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 25 9 02 AM '37

January 22, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison, Effective date of Change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of December 19, 1936, in the case of John E. Harrison, who was promoted from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1440, to the position of Keeper of the same station, with pay at the rate of $1620 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is January 1, 1937.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1937.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

December 19, 1936.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance 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,

T. A. DELONG

DEC 21 1936

Acting Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

From: $1440 per annum.

To: $1620 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEC 19 1936
SHEET NO. 5477
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DEC 15 1936
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 14 8 34 AM '36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., December 12, 1936
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 19 1936
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Action recommended, Promotion — **Legal residence,** Florida

Name, John Edward Harrison — Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Position, Keeper (in the Lighthouse Service) — Proposed range, $1620-$1980

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, January 1, 1937 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (in the Lighthouse Service) — Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Former range, $1440-$1800

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Joseph A. Ryan ($1620 p.a.) (LT. #~~154~~ 159) to be Services terminated, December 31, 1936

Reason, To be transferred to Houston Channel Lights

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: November 1, 1904

Remarks:

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

E. J. Langlier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 14 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

12/10/36

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

C. 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
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 30 8 29 AM '36

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG - 1 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 28, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

John

J. E. Harrison, First Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., effective date of change in pay

1. Referring to Department letter of June 20, 1936, in the case of J. E. Harrison, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at that station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is July 1, 1936.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1936 JUL 31 PM 1:52
CHIEF CLERK

JUL 31 1936

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

R. J. Fraser
Chief Personnel Division

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 7/31/36

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1936.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (Change of duties).

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,

JOHN H. GARDNER JUN 23 1936

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380 per annum

To: $1440 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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LIGHTHOUSES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 16 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., June 11, 1936
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 20 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, John E. Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (1st asst)

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, July 1, 1936

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Proposed range, $1440-$1800

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (2d asst)

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Joseph A. Ryan (LT #162) $1440 p.a. Services terminated, June 30, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: Nov. 1, 1904

Remarks:

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

E. S. Rauhlier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 15 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O.K.
Chief Clerk

C. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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4063-8

REPORT OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR INJURY TO PERSONS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 AUG 24 AM 8:30

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 28 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

To Dept

New Orleans, La., August 22, 1935

Name of vessel, station, or other aid to navigation involved:

Date of accident: August 14, 1935

Nature and cause of accident: Sprain of right ankle. Ladder fell from under him while cleaning transom in door of quarters.

Estimated cost of damage { to property of the Department: $ / to private property: $

1935 AUG 27 PM 1:37
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHIEF CLERK

What steps have been taken to recover cost of damage to Department property?

Where accidents result in injury to, or death of, any employees, or others, furnish following information for each person injured:

NAME	OFFICIAL TITLE, IF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE	NATURE OF INJURY	HAS WORK TIME BEEN LOST BY EMPLOYEE
John E. Harrison	Second Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.	Sprain of right ankle	Six days

Remarks or recommendations:
Report of this accident has been forwarded to U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission.

E. S. Lamplier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Date August 27, 1935

Submitted, in duplicate, to the Secretary of Commerce, for his information.

Noted:

Chief Clerk.

CARDED

For the Commissioner.
R.J.Gross
Chief, Personnel Division
Deputy Commissioner

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Form 78

4063-8

REPORT OF DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR INJURY TO PERSONS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

In File

1935 MAR 28 AM 9:06

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 28 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., March 14, 1935

Name of vessel, station, or other aid to navigation involved: - - - -

Date of accident: March 11, 1935.

Nature and cause of accident: Concussion cerebral; Wound, contused, occipital region of skull and right shoulder and clavicle. Cable parted while raising lamp on inner rear range light at Sabine Pass Station, and lamp falling struck John E. Harrison a glancing blow on head and shoulder.

Estimated cost of damage { to property of the Department: $ Lens lantern damaged. Will be repaired.
to private property: $- - -

What steps have been taken to recover cost of damage to Department property? - - -

Where accidents result in injury to, or death of, any employees, or others, furnish following information for each person injured:

NAME	OFFICIAL TITLE, IF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE	NATURE OF INJURY	HAS WORK TIME BEEN LOST BY EMPLOYEE
John E. Harrison	Second Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.	Concussion cerebral; Wound, contused, occipital region of skull and right shoulder and clavicle; Wound, lacerated, right occipital region of skull	4 days

Remarks or recommendations:

Report on this case was made to U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission under date of March 14, 1935.

E. J. Kamphuis

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Date March 23, 1935

Submitted, in duplicate, to the Secretary of Commerce, for his information.

CARDED

NOTED:

E M Gibbons

Chief Clerk,
Department of Commerce

For the Commissioner.
R.J.Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

Deputy Commissioner.

11—11418

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 5 1934
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

1934 NOV 30 PM 3 44

November 27, 1934

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
RECD DEC 5 AM 9:48

J. B. Harrison, Second Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Keeper, dated November 23, 1934, in which he reports that, on November 19, at 12:30 P.M., Seaplane NC 9378, named "Marion", with one passenger aboard, bound from New York to South America, was forced to land in front of station dock on account of a shortage of gasoline; that you assisted in bringing the plane to the dock and in transporting the men to Sabine so they could secure gasoline in Port Arthur; that they were then returned to the plane which left the dock at 6:00 P.M.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for the assistance which you rendered in this instance.

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and this commendation will be made part of your official record.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

2 copies to Commissioner

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
December 4, 1934.

CARDED

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

R. J. Foss
Chief, Personnel Division.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1934 SEP -27- AM 9:12

CHIEF CLERK

1934 SEP -26- AM 9:21

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 27 1934
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 24, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison - Effective date of Change in Pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of July 27, 1934, in the case of John E. Harrison, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective August 1, 1934, or entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is September 10, 1934.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 9/28/34

SEP 26 1934

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

CARDED

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1934.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective August 1, 1934, or entrance on duty (change of 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,

EDW. C. GARDNER AUG 28 1934

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
SEP 8 1934
SHIFT NO. 4603
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 23 1934 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSE 1934 JUL -18 AM 8:59

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 27 1934 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

New Orleans, La., July 16, 1934
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer + Prom. To fill Pending Vacancy — Legal residence, Florida

Name, John Edward Harrison — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, $240 quarters Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, August 1, 1934 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — Former range, $1260-$1620

Rank on eligible list, - - - Rating, - - - Percentage, - - - $240 quarters, Other eligibles considered:

(Lt.#188) OK

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry Olsen / $1380 p.a. — Services to be terminated, July 31, 1934

Reason, To be transferred to position of Mate, Heald Bank Lightship No. 81.
Recommended 7/9/34

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks: Justify henceforth.

Pac. 2287 Journal 77 Auth 8/23/34

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

8/27/34

Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Kaufhier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Request for Presidential authority for the promotion involved is contained in the accompanying Schedule of Replacements.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 30 1934 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.
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Adm. Asst. to Secy

C. 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
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 NOV -10 AM 9:37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 2, 1932
CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison - Effective date of Change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of September 13, 1932, in the case of John E. Harrison, who was transferred from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, with pay at the rateof $1260 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this transfer and change in pay is October 24, 1932.

E. V. Laufkiel.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington November 9, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information.

ENTERED ON COMPLETION
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Date 11-11-'32

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1932.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of 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,

CARDED

OCT 14 1932

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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LIGHTHOUSES

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 13 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1932 SEP 12 P 2:48 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., August 25, 1932
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer To fill Pending Vacancy Legal residence, Florida

Name, John ~~Edward~~ Harrison Eod. Oct 1/32. Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, September 10, 1932 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty;~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. Former range, $1320-$1680

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

(Lt.#173)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thornton K. Cooper / $1260 p.a. to be Services terminated, about Sept.9, 1932

Reason, To be transferred to Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. recommendation herewith.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks: The filling of this position is necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property. (See accompanying Justification form)

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

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E. V. Kauffman
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to justification form attached, and to separate recommendation in the case of Cooper.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
OCT 13 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action O. K.
Kellin
Adm. Asst. to Secy.

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Position No. ~~215~~ 214

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE September 27, 1932.

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

Bureau or Office:
Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

Position:
Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (2d Asst.)

Compensation:
Range $1260-1620

Location:
Head of Passes Light Station (Pilot Town, La.)

Appropriation:
Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses 1933

Date of Vacancy:
Not yet vacant--transfer of present incumbent pending

Justification:

Head of Passes Light and Fog Signal Station is equipped with electric generators for one electric light on the end of the jetty at the head of South Pass, and an electric fog siren. The keepers of these lights also care for five minor oil lights which must receive constant attention. The lights are distributed over a distance of several miles. The station is isolated and can only be reached by boat. On account of the isolation of this station, located at the mouth of the Mississippi River, and the character of the duties required, the complement of three keepers was duly authorized after mature consideration and is considered the minimum complement with which this station can be efficiently and safely manned.

It is proposed to fill this position by transferring one of the keepers from another station in the same district whose position it will also be necessary to fill and in connection with which justification form will be later submitted.

Unnecessary copy Budget Letter 1018 President

SEP 27 1932

File 786/113

Approved: E. F. MORGAN Recommended by:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

W. P. HARMAN
(Head of Bureau or Office)

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 23 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA
May 17, 1932

John E. Harrison, Effective
date of change in pay

CHIEF CLERK.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 29, 1932, in the case of John E. Harrison, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., whose pay was changed from $1260 per annum to $1320 per annum (change of duties), effective May 1, 1932, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is May 1, 1932.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 21 1932
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

R. L. Cox
Acting Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1932.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 1, 1932, or entrance on duty. (change of duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER. MAY - 2 1932

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 APR-22- AM 9:0

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 26 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 APR-25- PM 3:06

New Orleans, La., April 20, 1932
(City) (Date)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 29 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Increase in Compensation — Legal residence, Florida

Name, John ~~Edward~~ Harrison — Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range,* $1320-$1680

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, May 1, 1932 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Self (Lt.#2049) /- $1260 p.a. Services not to be terminated,

Reason, - - -

* New range recently authorized by Dept. account additional lights at this station.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks: Above recommendation in accordance with Bureau letter of April 12, 1932

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

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E. S. Lamphier.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES April 22, 1932
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to Department letter of April 5 attached approving this reallocation.

Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 30 1932
ACTION TAKEN
NECESSARY
DIVISION

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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LIGHTHOUSES 1932 MAR 18 AM 9:00

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 19 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 8th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, La., March 16, 1932
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 29, 1931.

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

Name John E. Harrison

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1260 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Date of entrance on duty September 30, 1931

Remarks:

CARDED

J. J. Oliver
(Signature of immediate superior) Keeper

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Submitted:

E. S. Lamphier
(Head of bureau or office)
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,
R. J. Goon
Chief, Personnel Division

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist. (Sabine Pass L.S., Tex.)

1. Name in full John Edward Harrison

2. Legal (voting) residence Florida 3rd District Gulf, Port St. Joe
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Florida St. Andrews When born? Nov. 1st 1904
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
None	CARDED							

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

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

Enlisted June 4. 1923 Discharged June 3rd 1926 | Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization Co. "C" 17th Tank Battalion | Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

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

9. State special qualifications Auto. Mechanic, Marine Engineer on Oil and Gasoline Engines

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

Mrs. J. E. Harrison (Name) Wife (Relationship)

Port St. Joe (Post office address) Fla.

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

John E. Harrison
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Sept 15th 1931 (Date)

Present address Port St. Joe Fla.

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(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La., September 30, 1931
(Bureau or Office)

I, John E. Harrison
(Name in full, printed or typed), do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

John E. Harrison
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, A. D. 1931

at New Orleans (City or place), Louisiana (State)

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C. S. RECD DATA ENTERED

CARDED

Chief Clerk, 8th Lighthouse District

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

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Position to which appointed Third Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty October 1, 1931

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1931.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective September 22, 1931, or entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

SEP 28 1931

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Thornton K. Cooper.

Legal Residence: Florida.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Ed. April, 1929

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

Tenth United States Civil Service District
SEP 15 1931

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CHIEF CLERK

New Orleans, La., (City) September 12, (Date) 19 31

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: to fill vac.

Action recommended, Probational appointment.

Name, John E. Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Effective, September 22, 1931.

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

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-1620.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 17 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 22 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, - - - - -

Location, - - - - -

Former salary, - - - -

Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, ~~3rd~~ Asst. L.H. Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.9% , Other eligibles considered:

Otto H. Beadnell, 93.0% - C

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Previous incumbent, Thornton K. Cooper (Lt. #2049) to be Services/terminated, about Sept. 14, 1931.

Reason, Promoted to position of 2nd Asst. Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, November 1, 1904.

Remarks: Mr. Harrison has had no previous Government civil service. This position should be filled without delay because Sabine Pass is a four-keeper station and it is essential that vacancies be filled as soon as possible for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ SEP 15 1931, 19

Subject to furnishing fingerprints and satisfactory med. cert.

PROBATIONAL

Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Chief Clerk

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1931

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 22 1931 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) September 12 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment.

Name, John E. Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Effective, September 22, 1931.

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-1620.

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

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

Former position, - - - - -

Location, - - - - -

Former salary, - - - -

Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, ~~1st~~ 3rd Rating, Asst. L.H. Keeper Percentage, 88.9% , Other eligibles considered:

Otto H. Beadnell, 93.0% - C

Wm. Stokes, 89.5% - C

Previous incumbent, Thornton K. Cooper (Lt.#2049) to be Services terminated, about Sept. 14, 1931.

Reason, Promoted to position of 2nd Asst. Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, November 1, 1904.

Remarks: Mr. Harrison has had no previous Government civil service. This position should be filled without delay because Sabine Pass is a four-keeper station and it is essential that vacancies be filled as soon as possible for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ SEP 15 1931, 19....

Subject to furnishing fingerprints and satisfactory med. cert.

PROBATIONAL

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Chief Clerk

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1921.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective September 22, 1921, or entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Thornton K. Cooper.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) April 20, (Date) 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in Compensation

Name, John Edward Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Effective, May 1, 1932 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, (Lt.#2049) Self/- $1260 p.a. Services not to be terminated,

Reason, - - -

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks: Above recommendation in accordance with Bureau letter of April 12, 1932

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

E. S. Lamphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to Department letter of April 5 approving this reallocation.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1932.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective May 1, 1932, or entrance on duty. (change of duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 MAY-19- AM 9:07

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 17, 1932

John E. Harrison, Effective date of change in pay

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of April 29, 1932, in the case of John E. Harrison, Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., whose pay was changed from $1260 per annum to $1320 per annum (change of duties), effective May 1, 1932, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is May 1, 1932.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 21 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

Acting Chief, Personnel Division.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), August 25 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, John Edward Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La.

Effective, September 10, 1932

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1620 quarters

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1320-$1680 quarters

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

(Lt.#173)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thornton K. Cooper / $1260 p.a. to be Services terminated, about Sept.9, 1932

Reason, To be transferred to Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks: The filling of this position is necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property. (See accompanying Justification form)

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

E. V. Lamplier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to justification form attached, and to separate recommendation in the case of Cooper.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Position No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority of the Act Approved June 30, 1932.

John E Harrison vice Thomas K Cooper Lt #173

Bureau or Office:

Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

Position:

Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (2d Asst.)

Compensation:

Range $1260-1620

Location:

Head of Passes Light Station (Pilot Town, La.)

Appropriation:

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses 1933

Date of Vacancy:

Not yet vacant--transfer of present incumbent pending

Justification:

Head of Passes Light and Fog Signal Station is equipped with electric generators for one electric light on the end of the jetty at the head of South Pass, and an electric fog siren. The keepers of these lights also care for five minor oil lights which must receive constant attention. The lights are distributed over a distance of several miles. The station is isolated and can only be reached by boat. On account of the isolation of this station, located at the mouth of the Mississippi River, and the character of the duties required, the complement of three keepers was duly authorized after mature consideration and is considered the minimum complement with which this station can be efficiently and safely manned.

It is proposed to fill this position by transferring one of the keepers from another station in the same district whose position it will also be necessary to fill and in connection with which justification form will be later submitted.

Approved:

Secretary of Commerce.

Recommended by:

W. P. HARMAN,
(Head of Bureau or Office)

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority
of the Act approved June 30, 1932

Bureau or Office:	Eighth District, U. S. Lighthouse Service.
Position:	Keeper in the Lighthouse Service
Compensation:	$1260 p.a. (Range: $1260-$1620)
Location:	Pilot Town, La. (Head of Passes Light Station)
Appropriation:	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933
Date of Vacancy:	About September 9, 1932
Justification:	Head of Passes Light and Fog Signal Station is equipped with electric generators for one electric light on the end of the jetty at the head of South Pass, an electric fog siren. The keepers of these lights also care for five minor oil lights which must receive constant attention. The lights are distributed over a distance of several miles. The station is isolated and can only be reached by boat. The commerce navigating the Mississippi River is large and important and, for the safety of life and property, it is necessary to fill the position of second assistant keeper ~~at this light station.~~

E. J. Langfitt.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

August 25, 1932

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT-14-PM 3:14

September 13, 1930

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of 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,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum.

To: $1260 per annum.

Service and grade: Field

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

October 15, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

There has been forwarded your office copy of the President's authorization of October 8 containing (Position No.207) authority for filling a position at Cape St. George Lightstation, and Department approval of the promotion thereto of Thornton K. Cooper is inclosed. Department approval, without Presidential authority, of the transfer and demotion of John E. Harrison is also inclosed. It is now understood that Presidential authority for the transfer of Walter A. Roberts, Jr., without change in pay, will not be required, in view of which it is suggested all these cases be made effective on the same date and so reported to the Bureau, the transfer of Roberts to be reported on Form 73a, in duplicate.

For the Commissioner:

H-M
Incls

Chief of Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 NOV - 4 - AM 9:28

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

November 2, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison - Effective date of Change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of September 13, 1932, in the case of John E. Harrison, who was transferred from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, with pay at the rateof $1260 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this transfer and change in pay is October 24, 1932.

E. V. Laufkier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington November 9, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form 78
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., July 16, 1934
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, John Edward Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, August 1, 1934

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

$240 quarters

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

[redacted], or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La.

Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Former range, $1260-$1620

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

$240 quarters

(Lt.#188)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Henry Olsen / $1380 p.a. Services to be terminated, July 31, 1934

Reason, To be transferred to position of Mate, Heald Bank Lightship No. 81.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks:

#2-2-87

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Lauffer
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 23, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Request for Presidential authority for the promotion involved is contained in the accompanying Schedule of Replacements.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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SCHEDULE OF REPLACEMENTS TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS

July 6, 1934

DESIGNATION	LOCATION (Station or Vessel)	DATE OF VACANCY	SALARY AND RANGE	REASON FOR SEPARATION OF LAST INCUMBENT
Lighthouse Keeper	Sabine Pass Light Station, La.	August 1, 1934	$1380 p.a. $1380-$1740	Transferred

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1934 AUG 29 AM 10 12

July 27, 1934.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective August 1, 1934, or entrance on duty (change of 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,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

LIGHTHOUSES
1934 SEP 28 AM 9:01
SEP 24 1934
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 21, 1934

Superintendent of Lighthouses: New Orleans, La.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION John E. Harrison, Kpr.

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form SS-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary,
(9) Furnish one copy certified form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

Transfer from Head of Passes at $1260 to Sabine Pass at $1380.
Department letter authorizing transfer dated July 27, 1934.
Report effective date by indorsement hereon in duplicate.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division.

District 8th Date Sept.24,1934

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Letter reporting effective date of change in pay in the case of John E. Harrison, Keeper, being forwarded this date.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Rec'd to Dept 9/26

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1934 SEP 28 AM 9:01

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 24, 1934

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison - Effective date of Change in Pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of July 27, 1934, in the case of John E. Harrison, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective August 1, 1934, or entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is September 10, 1934.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

SEP 26 1934
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner,
Chief, Personnel Division

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1934 NOV 30 PM 3 48

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 27, 1934

J. E. Harrison, Second Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Lighthouse,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. This office is in receipt of a letter from the Keeper, dated November 23, 1934, in which he reports that, on November 19, at 12:30 P.M., Seaplane NC 9378, named "Marion", with one passenger aboard, bound from New York to South America, was forced to land in front of station dock on account of a shortage of gasoline; that you assisted in bringing the plane to the dock and in transporting the men to Sabine so they could secure gasoline in Port Arthur; that they were then returned to the plane which left the dock at 6:00 P.M.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for the assistance which you rendered in this instance.

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and this commendation will be made part of your official record.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

2 copies to Commissioner

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
December 4, 1934.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information.
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), June 11 (Date), 1936

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — Legal residence, Florida

Name, John E. Harrison — Proposed salary, $1440 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1440-$1800

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, July 1, 1936 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Joseph A.Ryan $1440 p.a. (LT.#162) to be Services terminated, June 30, 1936

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: Nov. 1, 1904

Remarks:

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

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 15 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1936.

M r. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (Change of duties).

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: $1380 per annum

To: $1440 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 28, 1936

LIGHTHOUSES
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison, First Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., effective date of change in pay

1. Referring to Department letter of June 20, 1936, in the case of J. E. Harrison, who was promoted from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, to the position of First Assistant Keeper at that station, with pay at the rate of $1440 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is July 1, 1936.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H. M. Gilbrich
Assistant Superintendent

JUL 31 1936

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), December 12 (Date), 1936

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, John Edward Harrison — Legal residence, Florida

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed salary, $1620 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Proposed range, $1620-$1980

Effective, January 1, 1937 — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1440 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Former range, $1440-$1800

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Joseph A. Ryan ($1620 p.a.) (LT.#156) Services to be terminated, December 31, 1936

Reason, To be transferred to Houston Channel Lights

Members of family in Government service, NONE
Date of Birth: November 1, 1904

Remarks:

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

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 14 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES
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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

December 19, 1936.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance 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,

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

From: $1440 per annum.

To: $1620 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
New Orleans, January 25, 1937

LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 25 9 02 AM '37

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

J. E. Harrison, Effective date of Change in Pay

1. Referring to Department letter of December 19, 1936, in the case of John E. Harrison, who was promoted from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1440, to the position of Keeper of the same station, with pay at the rate of $1620 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is January 1, 1937.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1937.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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Section letter on file of
Wm. Stokes, also
Harrison file 7/7/37
copies file

8th's letter June 26, 1937, dismissal 1st asst.kpr. William Stokes, Sabine Pass LS and demotion Keeper John E. Harrison.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
July 3, 1937.

Enclosures.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that William Stokes, first assistant keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La., be dismissed for the reasons given by the Superintendent, effective at the close of June 4, he having left the station on that date without official authority.

As to Principal Keeper John E. Harrison, while he admits that he permitted infractions of the rules, it appears that his principal weakness was his lack of tact and experience in the supervision of the personnel of the station and that he was over zealous. However, it is believed that his industry and attempt to better conditions at the station merit consideration and it is desired to give him another opportunity to make good. Therefore, in lieu of the action recommended by the Superintendent, it is proposed to address a letter of caution to keeper Harrison, a copy of which will be furnished the Department, and have the Superintendent keep him under close observation and submit further report to the Department at the end of six months.

For the Secretary:

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

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NIGHT LETTER

WASHINGTON D C AUGUST 23 1923

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

RELET AUGUST TWENTY ONE NOMINATION ABNER E BRABHAM NOT RECEIVED BUT MAY BE ASSIGNED DUTY IF EMERGENCY REQUIRES AND AGREEABLE DISTRICT MANAGER IF DONE REPORT EFFECTIVE DATE PROMPTLY DISMISSAL WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED JOHN E HARRIS TO BE CONTINUED PRESENT STATUS SEE CONFIRMATION

Harrison

KING

CONFIRMATION

Information as to the action taken in the case of Stokes and Harris has been received informally from the Department. Formal notice will be forwarded upon receipt in the Bureau, at which time a letter of caution will be addressed to Mr. Harris.

Harrison

LIGHTHOUSES

SEP 2 10 38 AM '37

August 30, 1937.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In approving the action recommended by the Bureau on July 3, 1937, in the case of John E. Harrison, it is noted that the Bureau proposes to address a letter of caution to Mr. Harrison and that a copy thereof will be furnished the Department; also that a further report will be submitted to the Department at the end of six months.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDWIN J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON September 13, 1937

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana. A separate letter of caution to keeper Harrison is being forwarded through your office this date. You are requested to observe his work and the management of the station carefully during the next six months, at which time you will submit a further report and recommendation to the Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

SEP 13 1937

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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September 13, 1937

John E. Harrison, Keeper
Sabine Pass Light Station, Louisiana
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.)

The Bureau has made careful study of a report that you have been guilty of permitting unauthorized absences from the station which you did not report to the Superintendent, of permitting your relatives to reside at the station without first having obtained the necessary authority therefor, and that you have shown a lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of the other keepers at the station. The statement in paragraph 10 of your letter of June 17 to the Superintendent that you had found William Stokes, former assistant keeper, asleep on watch several times has been noted (but it does not appear that you reported any of these occurrences to the office at the time), as has also your letter of June 21 quoting your statement to assistant keeper Brooks to the effect that he had better wish you were put off the station because you were going according to the rules in the future.

The Bureau has given careful consideration to all the reports in connection with your case; it has also given consideration to the indications that you have been energetic in your attempt to improve certain conditions at the station, together with the fact that you are young and have had only a few months' experience as keeper in charge of the station. After weighing all of these factors, it has been decided to give you another chance, under close observation, in your present assignment. You are cautioned, however, that you should be more tactful and not threatening in the direction of the station personnel; that the duties of a keeper in connection with the operation and maintenance of aids to navigation involve the safeguarding of life and property, and that therefore sleeping on watch is a serious matter and one to be reported promptly to the Superintendent; and that further infractions of the regulations on your part or your permission of such on the part of others will lead to more drastic disciplinary action. The fact that you have been cautioned in this instance will be made a part of your official record.

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Copy to Secretary of Co merce for information.

Form 106.
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EFFICIENCY RATINGS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New Orleans, La., July 26, 19 37

EFFICIENCY RATINGS of employees holding appointment certificates under direction of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District for the period ending ~~December 31~~ June 30, 19 37, whose efficiency is BELOW $\frac{8}{10}$ for quantity of work, good for quality of work, or good for interest manifested in work.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE (Surname last)	WHERE EMPLOYED (Abbreviate, if necessary)	EFFICIENCY			
		QUANTITY	QUALITY	INTEREST MANIFESTED IN WORK	IS EMPLOYEE FULLY EARNING SALARY?
Hatten, James M.	First Asst.Kpr.,Pensacola L.S.,Fla. See letter from this office of Dec.30,1936, inclosing copy of letter of Dec.24,1936, to Keeper Hatten preferring charges of conduct unbecoming a keeper in the L.H.Service, and subsequent correspondence in reference to long delay in securing a court hearing.	Quantity and quality of work and interest manifested in work not affected. Personal behavior away from station.			Yes
Harrison, John E.	Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S., La. See letter from this office of June 26, 1937, in which recommendation was made for the demotion of Mr. Harrison due to the fact that he has shown no aptitude for the position of keeper and lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of his assistants; also for permitting unauthorized absences from the station and in not reporting them to the office; also for permitting members of his family to reside at the station without securing the necessary authority for visitors	8/10	Fair	Good	Yes

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EFFICIENCY RATINGS of employees holding appointment certificates under direction of the Superintendent of the Eighth Lighthouse District for the period ending { ~~December 31,~~ / June 30, } 19 37, whose efficiency is BELOW $\frac{8}{10}$ for quantity of work, good for quality of work, or good for interest manifested in work.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE (Surname last)	WHERE EMPLOYED (Abbreviate, if necessary)	EFFICIENCY			
		QUANTITY	QUALITY	INTEREST MANIFESTED IN WORK	IS EMPLOYEE FULLY EARNING SALARY?
Ewing, John E.	Master, Tender "Jasmine". See letter of June 23, 1937, in regard to his delinquency in not carrying out the orders of this office as expressed and recommending that he be severely reprimanded; also letter of July 7, 1937, recommending his demotion.	Failure to obey written orders thereby delaying departure en route for work which was ordered, and in writing a disrespectful letter, a general efficiency and average for quality and quantity of 7.5 is given this employee			Yes
Ganaway, John F.	Asst.Keeper, Timbalier L.S., La. See letter from this office of May 22, 1937, preferring charges against him due to disobedience of orders and abusive language to keeper, and recommending his dismissal; also Bu.letter of June 16, 1937, reprimanding Mr. Ganaway in this matter.	.75	Average	Average	Yes

E. J. Langlier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

ESL:LEC
Incls.

Office of Superintendent
8th District
New Orleans, La.
October 8, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Ltr Does. see file D Abner E Brabham

Abner E. Brabham - Probationary service

1. Referring to the inclosed copy of Bureau letter of September 27, 1937, relative to Abner E. Brabham, probationary appointee as Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., there is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter of October 1st from this office to J. E. Harrison, keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, instructing him in regard to the attitude which should be taken towards the probationary appointee.

2. There is inclosed copy of letter of October 11, 1937, received from the Keeper, reporting that Mr. Brabham had left the station at 10:00 A.M. October 10; that he had met Brabham at 7:30 A.M. on the 11th at the wharf at Sabine, and that Brabham had quit the job. There is also inclosed a letter of the same date from Keeper Harrison in which he places the blame on A. H. Brooks, First Assistant Keeper at that station.

3. A telegram was sent by this office to Mr. Brabham at his home address in Port Arthur, Texas, copy inclosed, and there is also inclosed a copy of Brabham's reply, in which he states that he does not care to work under Keeper Harrison, etc.

4. It will be noted that, in paragraph 23 of the report of this office of June 26 on the trouble at Sabine Pass Light Station, recommendation was made that Keeper J. E. Harrison be demoted and transferred at the first opportunity to the position of First Assistant Keeper at another station, and that the recommendation was made because Mr. Harrison had shown no aptitude for the position of Keeper, and lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of the assistants, etc.

5. A separate report has been forwarded this date covering the separation of Mr. Brabham from duty, and it is recommended that this separation be without prejudice. Steps will be taken to fill the vacancy.

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 27 8 44 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 25, 1937

Original file

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La. - A. H. Brooks, First Asst. Keeper

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau's letter of October 23, 1937. It is noted that the Bureau states: "if the keeper's report in the matter is true that possibly charges should be preferred against Assistant Keeper Brooks and you are requested to do so*******".

2. This office is this day preferring charges against Mr. Brooks, and transmitting to him a copy of the letter of October 11 from the Keeper.

3. The entire situation at Sabine Pass has been very harassing to this office. Brooks may be the cause of the trouble as alleged by the Keeper, but it should be remembered that Brooks was not brought into this matter until the controversy between other assistant keepers and Keeper Harrison came to the surface. The Keeper had never preferred any charges against Assistant Keeper Brooks until certain matters in the controversies with other assistant keepers were referred to him for report, and this report did not please the keeper.

E. S. LAPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 10 10 21 AM '37

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
November 5, 1937

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Alex H. Brooks, First Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S.

1. Referring to the Bureau's letter of October 23, 1937, and reply of this office of October 25, there is inclosed herewith copy of letter of October 25, together with its inclosure, transmitting the charges preferred against Brooks by Keeper Harrison. There are also inclosed the original reply of Keeper Brooks dated October 26, and typewritten copies thereof.

2. There are also inclosed copies of two letters dated October 27 and one dated October 28 from J. E. Harrison, Keeper, in regard to the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph.

3. Attention is invited to one of the letters of October 27, 1937, from Keeper Harrison relative to his declination to furnish First Assistant Keeper Brooks with additional paper on which to write the reply to this office. This is a very trivial and petty action on the part of the keeper and indicates the attitude of the keeper towards the first assistant. It did not matter whether the reply was made on official paper or whether all of the paper was alike.

4. Keeper Harrison was selected for promotion by this office because he was a good worker, and it was not expected, when the recommendation was made for his promotion, that he would assume such a severe and distant attitude towards his assistants, which has, to a great extent, lessened his value as a keeper.

5. Attention is again respectfully invited to the fact that Keeper Harrison made no charges against First Assistant Keeper Brooks until this office had requested Brooks to give his testimony with relation to charges and reports made by Keeper Harrison against other assistant keepers. The report of Keeper Brooks was not favorable to the contentions of Keeper Harrison, and charges against First Assistant Keeper Brooks have been preferred since that time.

6. It is recommended that no action be taken against First Assistant Keeper Brooks, either of reprimand or caution, but that this office write a letter to both Keeper Harrison and First Assistant Keeper Brooks and advise them that they must subordinate their personal feelings for the good of the Service; that they should be respectful to each other on official business, and not indicate by word or deed any personal animosities.

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7. It is recommended that a change be made at Sabine Pass Lighthouse, and that the families of the keepers no longer be allowed to reside at that station. The quarters consist of ten rooms, five on each side, with a gallery on two sides and one end, and it now appears that the best interests of the Service would be served by not permitting the families of the keepers to reside at the station in the future.

8. It is the opinion of this office that it will be very difficult for Keeper Harrison to assume a proper and tactful attitude towards his assistants. It would seem that his actions now, while efficient, are arbitrary and severe, therefore recommendation was made originally for the demotion and transfer of Keeper Harrison. It is also proposed to transfer First Assistant Keeper Brooks when a suitable vacancy occurs. The efficiency of the Service will not be promoted by the transfer of both men in view of the fact that Keeper Harrison and First Assistant Keeper Brooks are the only experienced men at the station, and there are now two vacancies there which this office has been endeavoring to fill for two months or more.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 25, 1937

A. H. Brooks, First Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of letter of October 11, 1937, from Mr. J. E. Harrison, Keeper, reporting that you are a trouble maker, and have sown the seed of discontent in every new man that came to the station.

2. Charges are hereby preferred against you of conduct unbecoming a keeper in the Lighthouse Service, and you are given three days in which to submit such reply as you may see fit in accordance with Civil Service Commission rules. You may present any evidence you desire, transmitting same with your reply, which should be forwarded to this office through the Keeper.

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

apt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

There is a condition existing on this station that I think should be brought to the attention of the Supt.

This condition has been existing for some time. I thought thatoitd would wear itself out without having to bother the office with it, but since it has not and as it effects the Service I think something should be done about it.

The trouble is the 1st Asst. Keeper is a trouble maker. He sows the seed of discontent in every new man that comes to this station with his dissatisfied talk about being so much work at this station and such a bad job and such a bad place, and about having to stay on station all of the time, and about how things are run.

He tells them how much time that everybody used to have off and didn't have any work to do. He tells them what a bum guy the Keeper is and that I, the Keeper, don't have any right to do so and so and things should be done such a way as he has planned out, and he wishes that he could get a transfer that he would never come back here again. He knocks the Service and its equipment at every opportunity. It seems that any work that he is called on to do that he does it unwillingly. It seems that he would like very much to have me replaced and if he can cause trouble between me and the other keepers and get as many disgusted and cause them to quit as he can that the Supt. will decide that there is something wrong with me and that way he will get me replaced and keep himselr clear of trouble at the same time.

He has did this talking to every substitute that has been on this station and I believe that he has had a great effect on 2nd Asst. Keeper Brabham although Brabham would have never been capable of handling station launch in my opinion.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have only been living according to rules and I expect to do this as long as I am in charge. I have been working only three to four hours per day outside of standing watch. I am endeavoring to keep all lights and equipment going in good condition and am trying to get station and eveyything connected with it in good condition. Keeper's job at this station is no picnic at its best and to have someone working against you makes it much worse.

Respectfully,
(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
Nov 8 10 21 AM '37

Eighth District
Sabine Pass Lighthouse
Oct. 26, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Respectively wish to state in answer to charges made by Keeper Harrison, will say that they are deliberate untruths.

I have never said Keeper Harrison was a "bum keeper". I have never knocked the service. I think I have proven I am satisfied with the service in as much as I have tried to give it the best I could for eleven years.

I have always tried to do my work and can respectively refer you to the men I have worked under, namely Chief Finnegan, Capt. Olsen, Chief Terrebonne, Chief Bentz, Capt. Ewing, Keeper Ryan.

I wish to state here I have never knocked my superior officers. But Keeper Harrison said the reason the men didn't stay here was because Mr. Bronze didn't know how to pick men for the job.

As far as having Keeper Harrison replaced, you recall when he and Keeper Stokes had their trouble he threatened to get me, and make it hard and unpleasant for me, he has. These untruths he has just written this office is one way of doing it. I asked when I was in New Orleans about a transfer if Keeper Harrison was left here because I did not want to have trouble with him.

As far as me influencing Keeper Brabham, I did not. Keeper Harrison & Keeper Brabham had a run in about a week after Keeper Brabham came. Keeper Harrison told Keeper Brabham then that it wouldn't do him, Keeper Brabham, any good to write the office because the office stood behind him, Keeper Harrison. Keeper Brabham told him them that no one could please Keeper Harrison.

As far as working only three or four hours that is another untruth. We work over time often. The other day Oct. 25, we worked in the rain painting & washing the launch off.

Keeper Harrison thinks he can now knock me and get by with it as he now has working here his brother-in-law, Oscar Smith. He sent to Port St. Joe, Florida to get him. I might suggest Keeper Harrison wanted to get rid of Keeper Brabham so he could keeper his brother-in-law.employed.

Keeper Harrison just to show his authority and be overbearing had Keeper Brabham and myself go around the back of the house to the watch room. It disturbed him and his family to have us walk on the porch. I have had him run into the radio room like someone pocessed, hollowing at me and saying the noise of walking on the porch disturbed he and his wife. But his four children can run all over the place.

Sir, I wish to apologize for the change in writing paper. I went to Keeper Harrison this morning and asked for more official paper. He told me I couldn't have it until after working hours. I told him I had already written the letter but was recopying, that is my wife was recopying it for me. He said that couldn't be done and refused the paper. Therefore I have to write on this. If you remember these same tactics were used on Ex-Keeper Stokes.

As I was saying, Keeper Harrison's four children can run all over the station & make all the noise they wish. But this doesn't seem to make Keeper Harrison & family nervous.

When Keeper Harrison goes to the beacons, he very often brings his five year old son along, thereby making the men worry about keeping out of the child's way with the batteries and trying to keep from stepping on him, and watching him to keep him from trying to turn on or start the launch.

Keeper Harrison by his overbearing ways has run the men away, not me. Because $110.00 and $115.00 a month jobs aren't picked up now. Men wouldn't just give them up for nothing.

Keeper Brabham told me when he came after his things here on the station that he was leaving because he was tired of getting on his knees to Keeper Harrison. He, Keeper Brabham, asked permission to leave the station Sunday morning, Oct. 10. I suppose permission was granted because Keeper Harrison put him across. I understand he was to come back for Keeper Brabham at four. Keeper Harrison didn't send me after Keeper Brabham, but sent his brother-in-law, Oscar Smith. Keeper Harrison knew I would wait a few minutes on any man, as an accident might prevent a man from returning exactly on time. Mr. Smith was back and in the house after crossing over and walking up sixteen hundred foot dock, and tying up the launch at four thirty. So you see he didn't wait long on Keeper Brabham. Keeper Brabham said he had a flat tire and was ten minutes late. Then Monday morning Keeper Brabham & Keeper Harrison met in Sabine and I understand a hot arguement took place between them, this was Oct. 11th. Keeper Harrison called me & told me Keeper Brabham was coming after his belongings & to see that he got his things. Keeper Brabham got the Coast Guard to bring him over.

I wish to state again I had nothing to do with Keeper Harrison & Keeper Brabham's fuss. Keeper Brabham was an agreeable man and would have made a good keeper if given a chance. These men that have been

e have been men of good standing, so they resent being treated as eper Harrison treats men. I didn't write in and complain because I thought when I went on leave I would come by the office and ask if I couldn't be transferred. But finally got enough the other day and wrote in for one. I was told to try and get along on this job and wish to state, Sir, I have sincerely tried.

A few days before Keeper Brabham left Keeper Harrison & his brother-in-law went to the "Jetty End". I was on watch when they returned. Brabham was off and in his quarters eating his dinner. Keeper Harrison came to our doors and hollowed "Come give a hand with these batteries". There were only six batteries in the group. We went out and helped.

The next day, two-fifty-five gallon drums of gasoline was unloaded on the Sabine side for the station. Keeper Harrison was called around ten o'clock & told they were there. He didn't send us then, but that evening when Keeper Brabham & I were supposed to be off he told us when we came back from Sabine to bring the gas. But no one was sent with us to help lift two fifty-five gallons drums of gas. But we were supposed to rush out & help he and his brother-in-law lift six batteries.

If Keeper Harrison wasn't satisfied with my work, why didn't he come to me and suggest how it could be improved.

Keeper Harrison said he tried to keep the rules. I wish to state here where he has broken some of them.

1. He uses the government red lead to paint all his children's toys, such as bicycles, wagon auto, tricycle, also his stove & washing machine.
2. On an occasion last winter (one Sunday morning) Keeper Harrison was on watch in radio room. I was told I could go across to my home in Sabine. Keeper Harrison came too. Thereby leaving the station with no one on it but Keeper Harrison's wife and children. Keeper Harrison spent an hour or so in Sabine, attending to some of his personal business, pertaining to the selling of his home.
3. On September 19th Keeper Harrison was on the last watch that is from early morning to six A.M. therefore it was his duty to put up lens curtain on the tower. This he did not do, and curtains were left down until after four oclock in the afternoon. I happened to walk down the walk then and noticed them. But I did not say anything because Keeper Harrison & his family were coming down the walk - returning from having spent the afternoon in Sabine. He, Keeper Harrison, slipped up in the tower then and put them up.
4. Keeper Harrison brother-in-law came to the station Oct. 1st but he didn't put him on watch until Oct. 2. But other men when they came to the station was put right on watch.

5. Keeper Harrison had us fix his screens on government time. But he gave me to understand that if mine were fixed I would fix them during my rest periods. The same thing is true of leaks in my bed room. I have to put pans on the floor to catch the water. These are a few of the things.

I wish to state I have tried to do my duty here and to be of assistance whenever I could. I even helped Keeper Harrison out in a personal matter, after all he has tried to do to me. When his wife was ill and no one in Sabine would work for him, my wife kept his baby for nearly a week on two different occasions.

Keeper Harrison has tried to make it unpleasant for me ever since I came here.

After Keeper Brabham left, Keeper Harrison told us to "go clean up those quarters that 'hog' left". This will give you an idea of the opinion he has of his men.

I wish to respectively state, Mr. Lamphier, the men that have come to this station were not strangers & easily influenced with these parts of the country. Mr. Tompson was born in Sabine and Mr. Brabham is a resident of Port Arthur. Therefore they knew before they came here the situation of this light. I refer you to Mr. Brabham as to why he left this station. His address is 2810 - 15th St., Port Arthur, also Mr. B. S. Tompson of Port Arthur.

Every man that ever went ashore if he wasn't right there on the dot was left in Sabine. They couldn't swim over, so rather than put up with by that they quit. As it was either swim or ask the Coast Guard to bring them back. Former Keeper Stokes & former Keeper Brabham both got the Coast Guard to move their things off the station.

When I arrived at this station, one year and two months ago, Keeper Harrison tried to tell me how bad Keeper Ryan was. I told him that did not concern me. So a few days later he reported me to Keeper Ryan, saying I was trying to run the station. That I did not relieve him on time. That I was a handshaker and how I was sent here to get in line for a good job, that he should have. Keeper Harrison also said that by hand shaking the office I got the job, and I was hand shaking Ryan to hold it. How he hated a hand shaker. Keeper Ryan ignored it because he knew I was only trying to carry out his wishes. I refer you to Keeper J. A. Ryan, Houston Channel Beacons, LaPorte, Texas.

A few days later, one nite on my watch the radio got out of step with Galveston and I had to beg him to come in & fix it for three hours before he did. He told me he didn't care, he wouldn't get the blame.

Keeper Harrison has invited me into his quarters and then deliberately insultt me as to my family's religion (my wife is a Catholic) as to how the Catholicsfigure they can commit all the sins they want to and then have the priest pray them away. I am a Prodastant but my wife is a Catholic and Keeper

...w it before he insulted me as to my wife's belief. My wife ... months older than I am. He told me how he would quit a woman ...ried her and found out she was older than him. I knew my wife ... has insulted me in his quarters until I got up & excused myself ...ft his quarters. Keeping my mouth shut trying to keep out of trouble ... him. He has come into my quarters at meal time & started sweeping ... ceiling down showing me how to do it. I would have to put a newspaper ...er my plate to keep the trash out of my food and wait until he got through.

I refer you to Mr. Joe Havelick, Radio Electrician, as to Keeper Harrison refusal to sign my compensation forms when I had my jaw broken on the station. How Mr. Havelick had to make them out for me himself in my home in Sabine. I refer you to Mr. Havelick as to Keeper Harrison's attitude in this matter.

When Dr. East dismissed me, he told me I could return to the station for "light duty" only stand watch. I was put to scrapping paint overhead in the 3rd assistance quarters the morning I returned or rather reported for "light duty". I had to use a rag over my face to keep from breathing paint dust into my sinus bone that was fractured & had not yet entirely healed. The rag did not keep all the paint dust out of my nose therefore I suffered with my head and nose all night. And still suffer with it. I refer you to former Keeper Stokes & Tompson as to the truth of this statement.

As to my not liking the station I can refer you to different member of your office force, who asked me how I liked my new work when I was by the office in July.

As to shore liberty we are allowed to go to Sabine after mail and the supplies every other day when there is four men here and every third day when three men are here, to Port Arthur once a week if you wish and ask permission a day ahead. We are allowed from 12 o'clock noon until 4 o'clock P.M. During these hours you attend to all the business of the different Keepers & their families & get your supplies & theirs. This doesn't give you much time. But you have to come back at four to bring Keeper Harrison children from school back to the station. This has been his new rulings & I have abided by them. Have never opened my mouth to Keeper Harrison as to how he planned shore leave. On several occasions when I have had the privelige of going across I did not go. But when Keeper Harrison lived in Sabine, he has taken the station launch at midnight, when his watch was over and go across to his home in Sabine and remain until morning.

Keeper Harrison accuses me of the same things he accused Keeper Stokes. Of being lazy (will again have to apologize of paper, but it is all I have at the station) and discouraging the men. It seems strange that all the men under Keeper Harrison have these failings.

I wish to respectively state two men quit here while I was on leave. [illegible] Jennings who went to work on the Sunflower. Mr. Wilson LaBove whom I never saw, quit and I understand wrote the office why he quit namely the hours were too long & the work too hard.

Mr. Valentine was laid off and has asked several times to be reemployed, but was not. Keeper Harrison's brother-in-law from Florida was sent for and employed.

Mr. Fucher quit while I was in charge because he couldn't stay in Sabine over night. Mr. Fontenot was employed to replace Mr. Fucher and worked until Keeper Harrison came back from leave.

Keeper Harrison accuses me of conduct unbecoming a Keeper. Keeper Harrison's conduct is not praiseworthy. On one occasion he went into the then post office of Sabine and in the presence of the post master's wife, cursed him out, over a little insurance paper. I can give these people name.

On another occassion I have been told a Red Cross worker asked him for a donation for the Flood Sufferers. He was very rude and abusive to her. He told her no one would help him and he wasn't helping. He is not only overbearing to his men, but has that reputation in Sabine.

On another occassion when Keeper Ryan was Keeper here along the first part of Aug. 1936, and a couple of days before I arrived here, Mr. Ryan was on leave, a gentleman called up on the phone and told the Keeper in charge here about a light being out and that the pilots was going to wire the office if something was not done. The answer was given back "Crack your whip". I heard Keeper Ryan tell Keeper Stokes and Keeper Harrison, asking them who said it and that was the wrong attitude to take. How it put him & the Service in a wrong light. I have since heard Keeper Harrison was the one that the Captain was talking over the 'phone too.

It has not been the work or the station & etc. the men objected too, on this Station. It has been the attitude Keeper Harrison has.

I respectively wish to state I am not trying to get Keeper Harrison's job or to have him moved or to discourage the men. I am only trying to perform my duties and I at least expect to be treated like a man while I am performing them, not ignored.

Keeper Harrison stated during the Stokes argument that he was going to make it miserable for me if he stayed on this Station, so miserable that I would have to quit. And I can truthfully say he certainly has accomplished the miserable part of it. I have taken his insults until I have nearly choked without saying anything trying to avoid trouble. But Keeper Harrison won't let you avoid trouble. He has started every row that has been on this Station since I have been here. It seems to me he has been the trouble maker on this station, not I since he has always been the man

trouble by reporting. He brags about how he whipped First
eper Hingle at the Head of the Passes Light when he was there.
when they were tending beacons and how they decided to keep it
how he was about ready to give Stokes & Thompson a "Taste of his
I suppose he will try to give me a taste of them when I ask him
ign this.

I am enclosing some of my recommendations from men employed in the service that I have worked under to show if I am willing to perform my duties on any job.

I wrote you asking for a transfer a few days ago, trying to avoid this trouble for I saw it coming with Keeper Harrison's overbearing attitude towards me.

According to the dates he reported me the day Keeper Brabham quit. Why? To clear his own self after leaving Keeper Brabham in Sabine to swim back to the station or get back the best way he could. He left 1st Assist former Keeper Stokes the same way, and then rush to the phone & wire the office that they left the station & didn't come back.

In referring to Keeper Brabham not being able to man the launch. He was given but very little opportunity to try. The few times Keeper Brabham and I went across together I tried to teach him. As fas as discouraging Keeper Brabham I did not I tried to help him. Every night he was on watch, he would come to my quarters and ask me to help him learn to pick up the Canal Lights. This I always did.

Since Keeper Harrison's brother-in-law has arrived he has become "Official launchman". He brings me across when I go unless he wishes to fish. Then I am allowed to run the launch.

I respectively wish to state here Sir, I was born and reared in this service and have always been proud of the fact. My record has been clean until false accusations have been brought by Keeper Harrison against me.

Yours respectively

(Signed) A. H. Brooks
1st Assistant Keeper

Keeper Harrison refuses to
sign this because part of it
is not on official paper
"See next page"

am allowed only three days to submit this I could not wait
is afternoon to have this copied. Therefore I asked Keeper
on as above stated for paper this morning so it could be copied
eady for this afternoon's mail. He refused paper. Now he refuses
sign because all of it isn't written on official paper. It has to
mailed today as the three days would be up before I would get to
mail it myself again.

Onboard Aster

Your letter I have relative to application for Engineer on the Aster. I think it a very good idea, and you go to it send in your application at once And get your license for 175 Tons. Do not let any one know about it, and you will be successful. I will do what I can for you. Let me hear from you.

With best regards to you and your Dad

Yours

(Signed) Griffin Sellars

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

New Orleans La

October 28th 1928

Mr. A. H. Brooks

Onboard Aster

Your letter I have relative to application for Engineer on the Aster. I think it a very good idea, and you go to it send in your application at once And get your license for 150 Tons. Do not let any one know about it, and you will be successfull. I will do what I can for you. Let me hear from you.

with best regards to you and your Dad

Yours

(Signed) Griffin Sellars

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Tender ASTER
July 2nd, 1929

To whom it may concern:-

This is to certify that A. H. Brooks served on the Tender Aster, under my command from August 1st, 1927 to November 12th, 1928, and during that time, while on board, I found him to be reliable trustworthy and energetic, and always attentative to his duties.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. A. Petterson

Master

(COPY-LEC)

SMITH CHEVROLET COMPANY

APALACHICOLA, FLA. August 15, 1929

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that A. H. Brooks was in our employ for a period of three years, three months and fifteen days as a machinist helper and we found him to be trustworthy, energetic and reliable.

E. B. SMITH AND SONS

BY (Signed) C. E. Smith, Mgr.

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

May 29, 1935

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that A. H. Brooks has served as "Oiler" on board tender "Myrtle" from September 1st 1933 to this date and has proven to be honest trustworthy and sober and a very good man in the Engine Room at all times and hard worker and very reliable.

(Signed) A. Terrebonne
Asst. Engineer

OPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Tender "Jasmine"
N.O.,La. September 9th, 1936

1. This is to certify that Mr. A. H. Brooks has served on the Lighthouse Tender Jasmine as Oiler and relieved the Engineer at times when he was on a leave of absence from two weeks to a month at times since June 7th 1935 up to this date September 9th, 1936. Mr. Brooks has been promoted to a Lighthouse keeper, with the U. S. Lighthouse Service 8th district New Orleans, La.

2. And I wish to recomend him to any one that may need his service as he is reliable in every respect, and can be depended on at any time to carry out his duties.

3. Mr. Brooks know gasoline and disel engines excellent and can be trusted with any kind of machinery.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Ewing

J. E. Ewing Master

LEC)

New Orleans

Sept. 10th/36

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that Alex H. Brooks has been acting as oiler and engineer under me for the last eighteen months, and has proven to be very competent and reliable and trustworthy.

(Signed) Louis I. Bentz

Engineer, U.S.L.H.S.
N.O., La.
Jasmine

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighth District

Sabine Pass
Oct. 27, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

A few minutes after I delivered letter of charges to A.H. Brooks, 1st Asst. Keeper yesterday P.M., he requested some official paper. I then handed him 5 sheets and this morning at 7:10 A.M. he came in watch room and said he wanted more paper. I says we are now going to charge East Jetty End Light and I will give you paper when we get back as you cant write while we are working. He says my wife can write it while we are gone. I then told him I could not furnish official paper for his wife to write on, so then myself and Brooks and one laborer left station and went to Jetty End and on returning to station I told Brooks he could get as much more paper as he wanted, but he did not take any and a short while later he brought his letter for me to sign and as part of it was not on official paper I did not sign it or did not read it. I am requesting a copy of this letter be returned to me.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J. E. HARRISON
Keeper

(COPY - FB)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighth District

Sabine Pass
Oct. 27, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

1st Asst. Keeper Brooks came in watch room early this morning and says to me, well you have started the ball rolling with the office which is just what I wanted you to do. Now, he says, if I dont get you off of this station I will leave it with a smile on my face. I am going to show you a few things. I then told him to do his worst that I could leave it if necessary, that what I had done, I did it only in self defense. His wife called up J.P. Brooks in Port Neches and had him meet them in Sabine this afternoon. I presume that this must have been in connection with this trouble. I suppose that his uncle must have advised him what to do.

I thought that I would bring this to the attention of the Supt. as I do not know what part J.P. Brooks may try to play in this trouble.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) J.E. HARRISON
Keeper

(COPY - FB)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighth District

Sabine Pass
Oct. 28, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have been awakened several times lately by noise in 1st Asst. quarters at night. I was awakened at 5:30 A.M. on morning of Oct. 27 by Brooks slamming doors and walking on gallery. After daylight I asked Brooks for him and his family to be more careful with their noise at night. He then said I had better leave him alone and was very impudent and sarcastic in his reply.

I was on last watch last night and went to bed at about 7:30 PM. I was awakened just before 9 PM by noise in Brooks quarters that sounded like some one dragging things across the floor.

He evidently is doing this to try to make things as unpleasant as possible on this station. He disregarded me requesting him to be more quieter at night so as to permit the man on last watch to get some sleep.

I told Brooks this morning at 7 AM which is the usual time we start to work that we were going to paint on blinds and screens today and it was 7:50 AM before he came out to start painting.

This is just an instance of Mr. Brooks attitude and interest he has in his job.

Respt.

(SIGNED) J. E. HARRISON
Keeper

November 11, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, Louisiana

Further reference is made to the conditions at Sabine Pass Light Station, particularly to your letter of November 5 forwarding charges against Alex H. Brooks, 1st assistant keeper, and your recommendation in paragraph 6 that he be not reprimanded or cautioned but that your office write a letter to him and also to keeper John E. Harrison advising them that they must subordinate their personal feelings for the good of the Service and be respectful to each other and not indicate their personal animosities in connection with official business.

The Bureau approves your recommendation in this connection, but as it appears that Keeper Harrison has had trouble with all of his assistants at the station, and in view of the fact that 2 of them have been dismissed and 1 has resigned in the short time in which he has been keeper in charge, it appears that his further continuance in this position would be inadvisable. Therefore, it is requested that for the good of the Service recommendation be submitted for his transfer and demotion to assistant keeper at another station at the first opportunity.

From the correspondence in connection with this matter, it appears that Keeper Harrison has employed his brother-in-law, presumably as a temporary laborer at the station, and that this arrangement has aggravated the inharmonious relations with respect to the keeper and his assistants. If this is the case, it may be advisable to terminate the arrangement, and you are requested to look into this matter and take such action as may be appropriate.

For the Commissioner:

C. A. Park,
Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses

hlm/see

LIGHTHOUSES
Nov 17 8 46 AM '37
TELEGRAPH REPLY IS DESIRED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

AIR MAIL

November 15, 1937

11/18/37 tel. 8th

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau's letter of November 11, 1937, relative to the conditions at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., and the instructions that recommendation be submitted for the transfer and promotion of John E. Harrison, Keeper, to assistant keeper at another station at first opportunity.

2. The Bureau is requested to advise what action will be taken upon the recommendation of this office that the families of the keepers be no longer permitted to reside at the station.

3. If Keeper Harrison is to be transferred, which meets the views of this office, it may be difficult to secure a competent keeper if the family of the keeper is not permitted to reside at the station, therefore it is desired to withdraw the recommendation in view of the proposed transfer and demotion of Keeper Harrison.

4. It is requested that this office be advised by telegraph in order that inquiries may be sent out and the keepers advised whether or not their families will be permitted to reside at the station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Ack
See my notation on 8th's letter, re this, 7 nov. 5, slipped.
No action thereon was taken by Bu on this.
Rec: quarters stand as now proposed
+ advise 8th no change was made,
HM 11/17

Concur
WAH 11/17/37
OK 11/17

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

hlm/see LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON D C NOVEMBER 18 1937

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

RELET NOVEMBER FIFTEEN NO CHANGE MADE QUARTERS SABINE PASS

KING

CONFIRMATION

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
Nov 24 8 52 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City), November 22 (Date), 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, John Edward Harrison (1st asst)

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, S.W.Pass E.Jetty Lts.& Fog Signal Station, La.

Effective, December 16, 1937 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1680 p.a.

Proposed range, $1680-$2040

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Kprs.

Former salary, $1620 p.a.

Former range, $1620-$1980

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, James F. Goodson #2036 $1680 p.a. to be

Services terminated, December 15, 1937

Reason, To be transferred to Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: November 1, 1904

Remarks: As approved by Bureau letter of November 11, 1937, and as recommended in letter from this office of June 26, 1937.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Rambler
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1937.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to Bureau letter of caution dated September 15, 1937, to this employee, a copy of which was furnished the Department. Keeper Harrison has failed to develop satisfactory supervisory ability in the conduct of the work and in the direction of other personnel at the station. Therefore his transfer to assistant keeper is recommended, and while it involves a demotion, and reduction in gross pay, it is proposed in the interests of the Service with a view to promoting harmony at Sabine Pass.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Harrison resigned + transfer was cancelled

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

11—2314

Form 93
LEC

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., December 14, 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John E. Harrison Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Florida Station, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Salary, $1620 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of January 15, 1938

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

Remarks:

This is the Kpr. whose demotion to asst. & transfer to another station has just been approved.
Suggest ok to Dept without prejudice
HHM, 1/17

Noted
See ltrs
Supts Letter
of proposed
cancln
WPH

E. V. Laughlin
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, recommending acceptance without prejudice effective at the close of January 15, 1938.

In view of the resignation of Mr. Harrison, his transfer to S.W. Pass E. Jetty Lights and Fog Signal Station, which was approved by Department letter dated December 13, was not carried into effect, and the Depa rtment's letter is herewith returned for cancellation.

For the Commissioner:

hlm/sec

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

HHM
WPH

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 10, 1937, 193

Supt. of Lighthouses

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please except my resignation effective January 15, 1938.

My reason for this action is I do not desire to be transferred to any station on the Mississippi River.

I feel that this will give the office ample time to make another selection for First Asst. Keeper at Southwest Pass Jetty Light Sta.

Respt.

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 17 9 01 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 15, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

12/22/37 2nd to 8th

J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass L.S.

12/21/37 Recd

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter dated December 14 from Mr. J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La., and a copy of the reply which this office proposes to make to Mr. Harrison later if the Bureau does not disapprove of same. Instructions in this matter are requested.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

12/17/37 Recd. and follow up with Brooks. Believe this is a case where a personal investigation would be of benefit. If agreeable to the Bureau I will leave at once for Sabine Pass and make same. Kindly advise.

12/20/37

In view of the fact that Harrison had already submitted his resignation, dated Dec. 10, prior to his letter to the Supt. on the 14th and the Supt. forwarded it to the Bu. for action, I do not see that anything is to be gained by writing Harrison a letter such as is proposed by Supt.

Since Harrison does not desire to accept the transfer + demotion to asst. kpr., which has been approved by the Dept., suggest submit his resignation to Dept for acceptance.

As to asst. kpr. Brooks, appears further investigation should be made as proposed, altho it will be remembered that Harrison originally made no complaint of Brooks until the latter in connection with charges against Stokes made a report which was unfavorable to Harrison. Harrison made comment re Brooks' unfavorable report at that time + threatened Brooks.

This appears satisfactory provided the Bu. desires to clear out case and overlook statement by Harrison (par 2 of letter) relative higher officials getting a take-off on equipment

HHM 12-20-37

This will come out in investigation re Brooks if made

Should be done

WPH 12/20

Ind. on 8th's letter of 12/15/37 submitting letter from Keeper Harrison and proposed letter to Keeper Harrison.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON December 22, 1937

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana. In view of the fact that Mr. Harrison submitted his resignation on December 10, and that his letter regarding his previous service was written subsequently (December 14), the Bureau considers that it is unnecessary to make other than a brief general reply in a sentence or two, covering the content of paragraphs 2 and 3 of your draft of proposed letter, indicating briefly that his demotion was based primarily on his inability after full opportunity to demonstrate a capacity for leadership, winning the confidence and willing cooperation of his subordinates. He may be advised also that in view of the fact that he does not care to accept the transfer, which has already been approved, his resignation is being submitted to the Department for acceptance. It is requested that your office return Department letter of December 13 approving Mr. Harrison's transfer, in order that it may be cancelled.

With reference to that part of Harrison's letter regarding first assistant keeper Alex H. Brooks, who is alleged to have stated that "higher officials are getting a rake off", it is requested that an investigation of this matter be made along the lines indicated by you by separate communication to the keeper, and by other means if necessary, a full report in the matter to be submitted to the Bureau at the proper time.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure
hlm/see

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
ESL:LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Supt's. proposed letter to Harrison

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 14.

2. It has appeared to this office that, in accomplishing the work at your station, you have been too much ~~of~~ the martinet, and, to a very great extent, you lacked consideration for the feelings of your assistants. It is believed that you showed lack of judgment in handling men who were your co-workers. The Service would uphold any keeper in his authority, but this office could not approve oppression in any form.

3. It appears from your letter of December 14 that, in your opinion, Sabine Pass Lighthouse was a complete failure until you assumed charge. This office is willing to give credit to any keeper for activity and work for the benefit of the Service, and would have been pleased to give you the same credit, if you had exercised better judgment in your personal relations. The paragraph in which you state: "Since I have been Kpr. I have only worked the Assts. in the afternoons only in case of emergency but have worked myself many afternoons to keep things going" illustrates your attitude towards your assistants better than any other explanation which could be given. You speak therein of having "worked" your assistants, and this office reluctantly came to the conclusion that that was exactly what you did.

4. It is noted that you have stated that Mr. A. H. Brooks, First Assistant Keeper, had said that the reason certain things were bought was because the higher officials were getting a rakeoff. From this statement, it is assumed that you know what "certain things" Mr. Brooks referred to, or stated, and you are now directed to furnish the full information as to what things were spoken of in that connection by Mr. Brooks, as alleged by you. After your report is received, this statement with the details which you are expected to give will be referred to Mr. Brooks for his comment and reply.

5. With reference to visitors who resided in your quarters at the station, you certainly should have known, if you did not, that this was contrary to the regulations, and that prior authority should have been

secured. It appears that, because you permitted unauthorized visits to the station, you also permitted other assistant keepers to violate the regulations which prohibit such incidents.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
December 30, 1937

Memorandum:

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

John E. Harrison, Letter of Appointment - Cancellation

1. As Mr. John E. Harrison has tendered his resignation to be effective at the close of business on January 15, 1938, there is returned herewith for cancellation letter of appointment in his case which was forwarded in connection with his proposed transfer to Southwest Pass East Jetty Lights and Fog Signal Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent

HMK:EBF

D. C. Personnel

December 21, 1937.

Memorandum:

12/22/37 8th Ltr

Case of J. E. Harrison, Keeper.

Action proposed in notes on 8th Superintendent's letter of December 15 seems appropriate, but I think that Harrison's letter to the Superintendent should have an acknowledgment and reply somewhat briefer and in more general terms than the Superintendent's draft. Such letter might cover the content of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Superintendent's draft in a sentence or two, indicating briefly that his demotion has been based primarily on inability, after full opportunity, to demonstrate a capacity for leadership, winning the confidence and willing cooperation of subordinates.

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

HDK:EBF

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

January 15, 1938.

Mr. John E. Harrison,

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 January 15, 1938.

Bureau ..... Lighthouses.

Position ..... Keeper.

Allocation .....

Salary ..... $1620 per annum.

Station ..... Field.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JOHN J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

AIR MAIL

SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), July 29 (Date), 1938

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, Reinstatement - ~~In accordance with C.S.Rule IX, par.1A~~

Name, John E. Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Effective, August 1, 1938

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, - - - - -

Location, - - - -

160

Former salary, - - - - -

Former range, - - - -

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thornton K. Cooper $1380 p.a. to be Services terminated, July 31,1938

Reason, To be promoted to Keeper

Members of immediate family in Government service, NONE

Are they living under the same roof? - - -

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Manager, Civil Service District.

Asst. *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

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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...EMENT TO ACCOMPANY REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS[1]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON

Name: John E. Harrison Date of Birth: November 1, 1904

Address: Port St. Joe, Fla.

Members of family (if any) in the service—

Name: - - - Relationship: - - -

Where employed: - - -

What particular need the person proposed for reinstatement can fill that can not just as well be filled by promotion or appointment from a register: Mr. Harrison previously served as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service from Oct.1,1931,to Jan.15,1938 when he resigned from the position of Keeper of Sabine Pass L.S. Mr.Harrison proved himself to be a very efficient keeper and has had much experience in radiobeacon work, and would be much more valuable for this position than someone selected from the register without any experience in the Lighthouse Service, therefore recommendation is made for his reinstatement.

Such other reasons favoring reinstatement as may be applicable:

CASES OF REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Total length of service: 6 yrs. 3 mos. 15 das.

Number of days of sick leave taken during last year of employment: NONE

Number of occasions when such leave was taken: - - -

Last efficiency rating: Above .8

Reason for leaving the service. (If by resignation, whether such resignation was entirely of employee's own initiative and volition): Resigned of his own accord

Whether unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment. (Should be answered "Yes" or "No"): Yes

If removed on charges or permitted to resign in lieu of removal, give résumé of charges or reasons, or attach copy:

.....

Head of Bureau.

[1] This Form should accompany Form S. S. 93, "Personnel Recommendation," when reinstatement is proposed.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

JUL 29 1938

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER, SEPT. 4, 1924

(APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

(Name) Wm E. Harrison

(Post-office address) Port St. Joe Fla. P.O. Box 85

(Sex) Male (Date of birth) Nov. 1, 1901

What examination did you take? Lighthouse Service

In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed? Dept of Commerce Lighthouse Service

In what City or Town are you to be employed? Apalachicola Fla.

Rolled print, right forefinger
(Print must be taken to identify person examined)

(Unless the examining physician can guarantee the identity of the person examined, the fingerprint must be furnished. Indelible or stamp pad should be used)

(PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING)

68 1/2 inches. * 173 pounds. _____ pounds.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)

Males, without clothing; females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

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

1. Eyes: Distant vision: Without glasses: Right: 20/20 Left 20/20 With glasses if worn: Right 20/__ Left 20/__
(Near vision must be reported; use space provided on back of this form.)
Evidence of disease or injury: Right No Left No
Color vision Normal Method of testing color vision Wool Skeins
2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear— 20/20 ft. Left ear— 20/20 ft.
Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear No Left ear No
3. Nose Clear
4. Mouth Normal
5. Throat Normal
6. Thyroid (especially in women) No
7. Heart Normal — If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? _____
8. Lungs: Right Clear — History of tuberculosis No
Left Clear — Has it been arrested for 1 year? _____
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right Clear — Is truss worn? No scar tissue
Left Clear
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)
10. Varicose veins No — Varicocele No
(If "Yes", state location and degree)
11. Flat foot No — Impairment of function No
(None, moderate, severe)
12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above No
13. Scars of serious injury or disease No
14. Nervous system (give symptoms and history) Good
15. Urinalysis (see over) See other Sht — Venereal disease No
16. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, allowance, retired pay, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? No If "Yes", describe disability and state whether present now _____
17. In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving Arduous physical exertion.
(Arduous, moderate, or light)

Apalachicola Fla. (Place of examination)

July 29 1938 (Date of examination)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service

Joseph D. Murrow (Name of examining physician)

Acting Assistant Surgeon (Title, and branch of Federal medical service) U.S. Public Health Service

*For males, to be taken only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

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

[OVER]

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The aim of the Executive order of Sept. 4, 1924, and of this examination thereunder is to obtain in... physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and min... and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

NOTES FOR EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); clothed, but without wrap or hat. If overweight, state whether due to bone and muscle or to fat.

HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations, as to—

1. EYES.—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision consider 20 feet as normal a... report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasse... are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses.*

2. EARS.—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.

3. NOSE.—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.

4. MOUTH.—Missing teeth, pyorrhea.

5. THROAT.—Tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.

6. THYROID.—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor, exophthalmos; nervous high-strung disposition, especially in women.

7. HEART.—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated.

8. LUNGS.—It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. Tuberculosis; if present, state whether active or arrested, and if arrested your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.

9. INGUINAL RINGS.—Hernia; no hernia, but impulse on coughing; no hernia or impulse, but abnormally large rings. Any other hernia should be noted, and if present describe fully and state whether it is retained by well-fitting truss.

10 to 13. Scars, deformities, atrophies, paralyses, or flat foot of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be later alleged as caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot", as used in this form, is meant a foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch", an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. It is not intended that small, insignificant blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.

14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.

15. Urinalysis to be made and blood pressure to be taken when especially indicated, particularly in persons over 40 when arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record, if taken—Urinalysis—sp. gr. No Albumen No Sugar No Casts No

Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic 120 Mm. Hg. diastolic 80

If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting 72 Immediately after exercise 80 Two minutes after exercise 72 Cardiac reserve Good
(Good, fair, or poor)

REMARKS: ---

Joseph D. Murrow
(Name of examining physician)

A. A. Surgeon U.S. Public Health Service
(Title, and branch of medical service)

*Near vision.
What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the paragraph below can be read by applicant: Test each eye separately.

Without glasses R. 6 in. to 24 in. With glasses, if used R. ___ in. to ___ in.
L. 6 in. to 24 in. L. ___ in. to ___ in.

With the view of promoting health and efficiency and of minimizing accidents among Federal employees, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments having a medical personnel are directed to make such physical examinations of applicants for and employees in the Federal classified service as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission or its authorized representative.
This order will supplement the Executive orders of May 29 and June 18, 1923 (Executive order, September 4, 1924).
Jaeger 1; Snellen .50; Dioptic 37 D.

Examined for position in—

Department ---

Bureau ---

Title of position ---

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears ---

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUL 29 1938

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

AFFIDAVIT AS TO MARITAL STATUS AND MEMBERS OF FAMILY

This affidavit must be duly executed and returned to the Commission or the civil service district office concerned. Any false statement in this affidavit, which is under oath, or any alteration of a certificate, or presentation to the Commission of a paper containing such false statement or alteration, is a violation of law and punishable as such.

Section 213 of the Economy Act of June 30, 1932, provides that in the appointment of persons in the classified civil service, *preference shall be given* to persons other than married persons living with husband or wife, such husband or wife being in the service of the United States or the District of Columbia.

Answer all questions below fully and with utmost care.

1. Give your full name John Edward Harrison

2. At what address do you now live? Fort St. Joe, Fla.

3. Are you now married? Yes (Yes or no) 3 (*a*) Name of husband (or wife)? Minnie Harrison

4. If married, is your husband (or wife) now in, or on furlough from, *any* part of the service of the United States (executive, judicial, legislative, military, or naval) or of the District of Columbia? No (Yes or no)

5. If your husband (or wife) is so employed, or on furlough, give—

   (*a*) Service in which employed, or from which furloughed

   (*b*) Name of position, and place of employment

   (*c*) Permanent or temporary employment?

6. If your reply to question 4 is "Yes", answer the following:

   (*a*) Are you living with husband (or wife)? Yes (Yes or no) If not, give—

   (*b*) Manner of separation (Divorce, legal separation, etc.)

   (*c*) Date of separation

   (*d*) Address of husband (or wife) Fort St. Joe, Fla.

7. Is any member of your family, or any relative (either blood or by marriage), in any part of the Government service whatsoever? No (Yes or no)

8. If answer to question 7 is "Yes", give name, address, relationship, and department, in each case:

None

9. Before accepting Government employment will you promptly inform the Commission of any change occurring hereafter in your marital status or affecting members of your family in the service? Yes (Yes or no)

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in answer to each and all of the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

(Signature of affiant) J. E. Harrison

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named affiant this 27th day of July, 1938, at city (or town) of Port St. Joe, county of Gulf, and State (or Territory or District) of Fla.

(Signature of officer) C. M. Stanley

(Official title) Notary Public, State of Florida at large. My commission expires July 21, 1941.

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—2457

Form 124b—Field
November 1936

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. It must then be forwarded promptly to the CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE which certified the appointee's name

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Lighthouses
(Branch of service or department)

New Orleans, La.
(Name of city) (State)

JUL 29 1936

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. Give your full name John (First name) Edward (Middle name) Harrison (Last name)
2. (*a*) Place of birth St. Andrews Fla. (*b*) Date of birth Nov. 1. 1901 (Month, day, and year)
   (*c*) Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
   (*d*) To what race do you belong? Caucasian (Caucasian, Mongolian, Negroid, Indian, Malayan)
3. From what examination are you being appointed? Lighthouse Keeper
4. To what position are you being appointed? asst. Lighthouse Keeper (Title) By reinstatement? Yes (Yes or no)
5. Are you now married? Yes (Yes or no) 5. (*a*) Name of husband (or wife) Minnie Harrison
6. If married, is your husband (or wife) now in, or on furlough from, *any* part of the service of the United States (executive, judicial, legislative, military, or naval) or of the District of Columbia? No. (Yes or no)
7. If your husband (or wife) is so employed, or on furlough, give—
   (*a*) Service in which employed or from which furloughed Not in Service
   (*b*) Name of position, and place of employment
   (*c*) Permanent or temporary employment?
8. If your reply to Question 5 is "Yes", answer the following:
   (*a*) Are you living with husband (or wife)? Yes (Yes or no) If not, give—
   (*b*) Manner of separation (Divorce, legal separation, etc)
   (*c*) Date of separation
   (*d*) Address of husband (or wife)
9. Is any other member of your family, or relative (either blood or by marriage) in *any* part of the service of the United States (executive, judicial, legislative, military, or naval) or of the District of Columbia? Answer "Yes" or "No." No. If so, fill in the following blanks stating, under "Relationship", whether the connection is by blood or marriage. (See sec. I of attached form.) If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	Position and department or office in which employed	Relationship	Married or single
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		Department or office		
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10. Were any of the above-named persons appointed to the Government service after you made your application for this position? If so, give the name of each such person and state whether he is living in the same house with you

THE DEPARTMENT OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS CERTIFICATE IS MADE MUST SIGN THE STATEMENT ON THE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET

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(OVER)

11. What is your present address (give street and number, city, and State)? Port St. Joe Fla.
PO Box 85 How long have you resided at this address? 7 mos.

12. Are you holding any position or office under the United States or under any State, county, or municipality? No.
If so, state the place, position, and salary

13. (a) Have you served in any branch of the military or naval service of the United States at any time? Yes If so, state service 3 years U. S. Army, Camp Meade Md. 1923-1926
(b) If discharged, state under what conditions Honorable
(Honorable, dishonorable, inaptitude, etc.)

14. Have you been retired from the (a) U. S. civil service? No. (b) U. S. military or naval service? No.
If so, state whether for age, length of service, or disability Amount of retirement pay?

15. Have you been discharged for cause or have you resigned any position under compulsion since filing your application for this position? No.

16. Have you ever been arrested or fined or convicted of any offense? No. If so, give dates
If since filing your application for this position, give details in the space below, showing places and nature of offenses.

17. Have you ever been barred from U. S. civil-service examination? No.

18. Have you paid or offered or promised to pay any money or any other thing of value to any person, firm, or corporation for the use of influence to procure your appointment? No.

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

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

Date July 27, 1928 J. E. Harrison
(Signature of appointee)

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

NOTE.—If the answer to Question 6 is "Yes", or if the answer to Question 9 includes the names of two or more persons at the same address as this proposed appointee, and/or if not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted to the appropriate Civil Service office for approval before appointment may be considered further.

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

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

(Officer's signature)

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

(Official title)

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

AIR MAIL

SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), July 29 (Date), 19 38

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, ~~Reinstatement - In accordance with C.S.Rule IX, par.1A~~

Name, John E. Harrison

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Effective, August 1, 1938

Legal residence, Florida

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, - - - - -

Location, - - - -

Former salary, - - - - -

Former range, - - - -

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Thornton K. Cooper $1380 p.a. Services to be terminated, July 31,1938

Reason, To be promoted to Keeper

Members of immediate family in Government service, NONE

Are they living under the same roof? - - -

Date of birth, November 1, 1904

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

T. W. Nicholas
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Manager, 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.

11—2314

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

Bureau Lighthouse Date July 29, 1938

The Secretary of Commerce:

The following personnel change is respectfully recommended:

Nature of recommendation [1] Reinstatement

Name John E. Harrison

	FROM—	TO—
Position	Keeper in the L.H.Service	Keeper in the L.H.Service
Classification	Keeper	Assistant Keeper
Salary	$1620 per annum	$1380 per annum
Station	Sabine Pass L.S.,La.	Cape St.George L.S.,Fla.
Appropriation [2]	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses	Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Vice Thornton K. Cooper

Effective August 1, 1938

Remarks:

(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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ATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON

Name: John E. Harrison

Date of birth: November 1, 1904

Address: Port St. Joe, Fla.

Members of family (if any) in the service—

Name: - - -

Relationship: - - -

Where employed: - - -

What particular need the person proposed for reinstatement can fill that cannot as well be filled in the Lighthouse Service from Oct. 1, 1921 to Jan. 15, 1926 when he resigned from the position of Keeper of Sabine Pass L.S. Mr. Harrison proved himself to be a very efficient keeper and has had much experience in radiobeacon work, and would be much more valuable for this position than someone selected from the register without any experience in the Lighthouse Service, therefore recommendation is made for his reinstatemn t.

Such other reasons favoring reinstatement as may be applicable:

CASES OF REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES

Total length of service: 6 yrs. 3 mos. 15 das.

Number of days of sick leave taken during last year of employment: NONE

Number of occasions when such leave was taken: - - -

Last efficiency rating: Above .8

Reason for leaving the service. (If employee resigned, state whether resignation was entirely of employee's own initiative and volition): Resigned of his own accord

Whether unqualifiedly recommended for further Government employment. (Should be answered "Yes" or "No"): Yes

If removed on charges or permitted to resign in lieu of removal, give résumé of charges or reasons, or attach copy:

Head of Bureau.

[1] This Form should accompany Form S. S. 93, "Personnel Recommendation," when reinstatement is proposed.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Manager, Civil Service District.

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WASHINGTON

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RWS 999

Proposed reins. of John E. Harrison in 8th Dist.

His demotion from fr. & asst kpr & transfer to another station was approved by Dept. because he had trouble with all of the asst kprs. at Sabine Pass (some discontinuances and resignations). Harrison refused to transfer to the station (S.W. Pass E. Jetty) and resigned at close Jan. 15/38. He may be satisfactory as an asst keeper, but his resignation does not indicate that he was willing to abide by the decisions of the Bu. Suggest Supt. instruct him along this line when he reenters on duty, if reins. by Bu is proposed & approved.

HHm 8/1/38

In view of previous record suggest further rept from Supt.

RWS 8-2-38

WPH 8/2

August 2, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, Louisiana

Reference is made to your nomination of July 29 for the reinstatement of John E. Harrison as keeper (assistant) at Cape St. George Light Station at $1380 per annum.

In view of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Harrison's separation from the Service, the fact that he did not prove satisfactory as a principal keeper, and that he resigned rather than accept transfer to another station, which transfer the Department had approved, it appears that he was not agreeable to cooperate with the Superintendent and the Bureau in an effort to work out a satisfactory assignment for him. Before taking any action toward his reinstatement, therefore, the Bureau desires a report as to whether Mr. Harrison has applied for reinstatement, and if so, whether he will cooperate with his coworkers as well as his superiors in an effort to render satisfactory service.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Incls.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

AUG 11 8 49 AM '38

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 9, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

8/12 2nd to 8th

John E. Harrison - Reinstatement

1. Referring to Bureau letter of August 2, 1938, the Bureau is advised that Mr. Harrison applied for reinstatement under date of March 17, 1938, which letter, together with copy of the reply of this office of March 24, is herewith forwarded.

2. Mr. Harrison was written along the lines of the Bureau letter of August 2 in regard to cooperation with his coworkers, etc., and his reply, dated August 6, is inclosed.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent

Sings OK
never to be kept for reinstatement
as proposed. RJO'H
apH 8/11
8/11-38

Was glad to write good one
Reppe raised. Was seemingly convinced
to the responsibility. To reinstate
would just serve to perpetuate
the situation in my
district. I am
sure Mr. Harrison will
not wish to appear
before Retirement
Board on
this
a very

Strong rec. from his
Supt. considering this to put
point and showing
that he has satisfied himself
that it is for the good of the
Service. — Cap

(COPY-LEC)

Port St. Joe, Fla.
March 17, 1938

Supt. of Lighthouses

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

If the Supt. could see fit to do so I would greatly appreciate being reinstated and considered for appointment as Asst. Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison
P. O. Box 85

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 11 8 49 AM '38

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 24, 1938

J. E. Harrison,
P. O. Box 85
Port St. Joe, Florida

Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of March 17, 1938, requesting consideration for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service im the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, you are advised that this position will be filled by the transfer of a keeper in the Service.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich

Assistant Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG - 9 1938

Port St. Joe Fla.
Aug. 6. 1938

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

Replying to your letter dated aug. 5. 1938 relative the Bureau's inquiry as to My willingness to Co-operate with My Co-workers and superiors before taking action on My reinstatement.

If I am reinstated I will cooperate to the best of My ability with My Co-workers and superiors. I wish to say that there seems to be some misunderstanding regarding My willingness

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to cooperate with all Concerned. I have not intentionally failed to do so and if it might have appeared so to the Bureau I wish to say further that I greatly appreciate the offer to be reinstated at Port St. Joe which is near My home.

Respectfully
J. E. Harrison
P. O. Box 85

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I might say further that I highly appreciate the effort that the office has put forth towards having me reinstated at a Station near my home.

Respectfully

J. E. Harrison

P.O. Box 85

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LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 11 8 49 AM 1938

Fort De Soto, Fla.
Aug 6. 1938.

Supt. of L. Houses
New Orleans La.

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Respectfully
L. E. Harrison
P. O. Box 85

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 21 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

LIGHTHOUSES
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March. 17. 1938

Supt. of Lt. Houses
New Orleans La.

Sir

If the Supt. could see fit to do so I would greatly appreciate being reinstated and considered for appointment as asst. keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station.

Respectfully
O. E. Harrison
P. O. Box 85

Mr. Brown
Ack

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 24, 1938

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich

Assistant Superintendent

8th Dist. from
to cancel him
as Keeper Stone
Ark RA under fm 11th

W. Harrison

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1938

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana, with advice that from the record, it appears that the nominee failed to make good previously as a principal keeper and was seemingly unsuited to the responsibilities attaching to that position. On account of this indicated limitation of his ability to be promoted to principal keeper, the Bureau would hesitate to approve reinstatement at this time, except on the basis of a strong recommendation from the Superintendent, in connection with which it would be desired that the Superintendent give special consideration to this point (that is, the apparent unsuitability for promotion to principal keeper), showing that the Superintendent is satisfied that reinstatement would be for the good of the Service.

For the Commissioner:

O. A. PARK

Deputy Commissioner of Lighthouses

O. A. PARK

RG/see

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 24 8 30 AM '38

August 22nd, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. With further reference to the nomination of John E. Harrison for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service dated July 29th, 1938, and to Bureau endorsement of August 12th, 1938, in which it is stated that the Bureau would hesitate to approve reinstatement at this time except on the basis of a strong recommendation from the Superintendent.

2. After reviewing the correspondence in connection with Harrison's case, the Superintendent has decided to recommend the cancellation of nomination for reinstatement. It is stated for the information of the Bureau that in view of Harrison's application for reinstatement, he was given consideration for reinstatement in the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape San Blas Lighthouse, Fla., at which station a radiobeacon is now being erected, because of his experience in radiobeacon work at Sabine Pass Light Station.

3. The present keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station had previously requested a transfer to position of Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. It was proposed to transfer him to that station to fill the existing vacancy, promote the Assistant Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station, and make Harrison Assistant Keeper. The Keeper at Cape San Blas Light Station changed his mind and stated after receiving the offer that he preferred to remain at Cape San Blas. The Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station was then promoted to the keepership of that station, leaving a vacancy in the position of Assistant Keeper, for which Harrison was nominated.

4. While Harrison showed a lack of tact and good judgment as a keeper in handling his assistants, he did manage to maintain a good station and this office felt that in view of his earnest desire to be reinstated, the lesson learned would serve to change his attitude.

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5. If the above recommendation is approved and Harrison's nomination for reinstatement is cancelled, it is recommended that consideration be given to the transfer of R. A. Wahl, Keeper of Portage Lake Ship Canals Light Station, in the 11th District, who has applied for transfer to a milder climate, copy of his letter dated August 3rd, 1938, having been transmitted to this office by Bureau endorsement of August 16th, 1938. The pay for the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., is $1380.00 per annum, in the range of $1380-$1740., and family quarters are provided for the two keepers at this station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

F. M. Dibrell

Assistant Superintendent.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1938.

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8th Supt's. letter Aug.22,1938,re cancellation nomination John E. Harrison and transfer R.A.Wahl,keeper 11th dist.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., approving recommendation for the cancellation of the nomination for the reinstatement of Mr. Harrison.

As to paragraph 5, this matter was taken up with Keeper Wahl in the 11th district and he has declined the proffered transfer, and it is requested that your office give his transfer no further consideration as it is expected that other provision will be made with regard to him. New nomination for the vacancy at Cape St. George should accordingly be submitted by your office.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

RG-EK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 23, 1938.

10/3 wrote Harrison
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

J. E. Harrison, formerly Keeper at Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La.

1. Transmitted herewith is letter dated September 1, 1938, addressed to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, through this office, by J. E. Harrison, Port St. Joe, Fla., formerly Keeper at Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La., who was recently nominated for reinstatement in the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Lighthouse, Fla., but which nomination was subsequently withdrawn due to the indicated limitation of his ability to be promoted to principal keeper.

2. This office has no desire to reopen Harrison's case.

E.C.MERRILL
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Port St. Joe, Fla.,
September 1st, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.
(Through Supt. 8th District)

Sir:

Referring to the stand taken b y the Bureau in refusing to approve my application for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

It seems that the reason for this action was because I did not prove satisfactory as principal Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station. I wish to say that the reason for this failure was due to my trying to do something for the Service.

I will try to explain as briefly as possible my reason for making the above statement.

First when I was promoted to principal keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station this station was in a very bad rundown condition, including Tower Radiohouse, dwelling, beacons and station launch. I established a system of each man working four hours a day except Sundays and holidays and soon began accomplishing something towards getting the station in order. This made the assistants dislike me because they had not been used to doing anything toward the upkeep of the station. They were used to staying off the station except when on watch.

I told them this practice would have to stop. This made them dislike me further. I had as assistants William Stoker, Alex H. Brooks, Benjamin S. Thompson. One morning while chipping and scraping inside of tower, I went to paint shop to get some additional scrapers and on returning to tower, I overheard the following conversation between Stoker, Brooks and Thompson. Stoker says I am going to quit. There is too much work here for me since Harrison has been made keeper. Thompson says yes I have been planning on quitting for sometime. I dont like the Service anyway. Brooks says Harrison has get the big head. He is trying to make a big name for hisself by doing a lot of work here. I am either going to quit or go back to the Lightship. Brooks then says I will tell you fellows what we can do. We will all stick together and when something happens we will get another keeper and things can be like they used to be here again. I did not give any indication that I had heard their conversation. Then some days later I left the three assistants painting inside of tower while I went to Coast Guard Station to install new exhaust line on station launch and on returning to station I found that the lens curtains had been left on gallery and had blown off into the mud and water. The following morning I told Stoker as 1st asst. he had ought to take more interest in the work of the Station and not be so careless. He then got mad and said if I didnt like the way he did things I could report it to

the office. I then told him that was the thing I would have to do if he didnt improve. He then dared me to report him.

It had been the custom for about two years previous to this time that the men that were not on watch left the station at 10 or 11 am each day and would not return until next day. I told all three assistants that this practice would have to stop. All three assistants left station at 11 A.M. and Stoker and Thompson did not return. Thompson called from Port Arthur at 6 P.M. saying he would not be back that he was sick. Stoker didnt call until next morning and when he did call, he demanded that I send the boat over for him at once. I told him that we were busy working on one of the transmitters but would send for him as soon as possible. He then wired the office that he was quitting and later preferred charges against me, and when the office referred his charges to A. H. Brooks for verification, Brooks agreed with most of his charges as had been previously agreed upon by them. Stoker was always threating to quit.

Next to quit was B. S. Thompson,. Main reason for his quitting was the manager Tenth Civil Service District had called upon him to explain why he gave false information to obtain his appointment. Also he was young and couldnt adjust himself to the Lighthouse Service.

Next man to quit was A. E. Brabham. This man was absolutely not fitted for the Lighthouse Service in any way. Being a farmer and never been on the water very little only making two trips as a fireman on an oil tanker, no experience on small boats at all, and could not perform any of the station duties properly, and was habited to drinking intoxicants. Thought he should come and go when he wanted to. On Sunday morning he left station at 7 A.M. I instructed him to be back by 1 P.M. and he did not return until Monday morning and wanted me to show him only absent six hours. I refused to do so and told him that he would have to explain to the office why he didnt get back within six hours. He then says I dont care anything about this job or you either and again left and returned late in the afternoon to get his personal effects. Brabham and Brooks had a long private conversation. Brabham was under the influence of liquor when he returned to station. Brabham later wrote a letter to the office at the instigation of A. H. Brooks.

I will not take up any further time with A. H. Brooks only to say that he did everything possible against me and to hinder the work of the station. I will ask the Bureau to be the judge as to whether or not I could have had a fair trial as principal keeper with a bunch of co-workers who had an agreement to do everything possible against me in order to get me replaced as keeper because I was trying to do something for the Service.

This is the only reason why I did not prove satisfactory as principal keeper. I will refer the Bureau to the records for the one year and 15 days I was keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station. There was not one complaint about main or minor lights in my charge being extinguished or improper radio beacon operation. Also station and everything connected with it in one hundred per-

cent better condition when I was relieved as keeper than when I takened station over. I will refer the Bureau to Mr. H. S. Salzer and Mr. J. W. Havlicek, Senior Engineer and Radio Electrician respectively, for verification of this as they were the officials who visited the station most while I was keeper.

In conclusion I wish to list some positions of responsibility that I have held to show the Bureau that I am capable of holding a responsible position. I held the rank of Non-Commissioned Officer in the U. S. Army. I was general foreman of wrecking and removing the machinery and railroads of the Park Wood Lumber Company's saw mill of Port St. Joe, Fla., which was one of the largest mills in Florida.

I was employed as an engineer for twelve years for the Florida Menhaden Company, Port St. Joe, Fla. I have also been employed on this position since leaving the Lighthouse Service.

I am a graduate of McSweeney Auto Tractor and Electrical School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I wish to ask that the Bureau consider my case impartially with due respects to all concerned and if the findings are against me, I will take it as my part and will not complain, and if the findings are in my favor, I will appreciate having my record cleared as I have worked almost ten years for the Government including military Service and I thought my record was clear until my application for reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service was disapproved.

Very respectfully yours,

I. E. HARRISON
P. O. BOX #85,
Port St. Joe, Fla.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP - 7 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Port St. Joe Fla.
Sept. 1. 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D.C.
Through Supt. 8th Dist

Sir

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I wish to say that the reason for this failure was due to me trying to do something for the service.

I will try to explain as briefly as possible my reason for making the above statement

first when I was promoted to principal keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station this Station was in a very bad run down condition including Tower Radio house dwelling beacons and Station launch I established a system of each man working 4 hours a day except Sundays and holidays and soon began accomplishing something toward getting the Station in order this made the assistants dislike me because they had not been used to doing anything toward the upkeep of the Station they were ready to staying off the Station except when on watch

I told them this practice would have to stop this made them dislike me further I had as assistants William Stoker Alexander Brooks Benjamin Thompson One Morning while chipping and scraping inside of

Tower I went to paint shop to get some additional scrapers and on returning to tower I overheard the following conversation between Stoker Brooks and Thompson. Stoker says I am going to quit there is too much work here for me since Harrison has been made Keeper Thompson says yes I have been planning on quitting for sometime I dont like the Service anyway Brooks says Harrison has got the big head he is trying to make a big name for his self by doing a lot of work here I am either going to quit or go back to the Light Ship Brooks then says I will tell you fellows what we can do we will all stick together and when something happens we will get another Keeper and things can be like they used to be here again I did not give any indication that I had heard their conversation. Then some days

later I left the three assistants standing inside of Tower while I went to Coast Guard Station to install new exhaust line on Station launch and on returning to Station I found that the Lamp Captains had been left on gallery and had blown off into the mud and water the following morning I told Stoker asst. he had ought to take more interest in the work of the Station and not be so careless He then got mad and said if I didnt like the way he did things I could report it to the Office I then told him that was the thing I would have to do if He didnt improve He then dared Me to report Him.

It had been the Custom for about two years previous to this time that the men that were not on watch left the Station at 10 or 11 Am each day and would not return until next day

I told all three assistants that this practice would have to stop all three assistants left Station at 11 am and Stoker and Thompson did not return Thompson called from Port Arthur at 6 pm saying he would not be back that he was sick Stoker didn't call until next Morning and when he did call he demanded that I send the Boat over for him at once I told him that we were busy working on one of the transmitters but would send for him as soon as possible He then wired the Office that he was quitting and later preferred Charges against me and when the Office referred his Charges to A. H. Brooks for verification Brooks agreed with most of his Charges as had been previously agreed upon by them. Stoker was always threating to quit. Next to quit was

B. S. Thompson Main reason for His quitting was the manager 1st U.S. Civil Service District had called upon him to explain why He gave false information to obtain His appointment also He was young and couldnt adjust himself to the Lighthouse Service

Next man to quit was A. E. Braham This Man was absolutely not fitted for the Lighthouse Service in anyway Being a farmer and never been on the water very little only making two trips as a fireman on an Oil Tanker no experience on small boats at all and could not perform any of the Station duties properly and was addicted to drinking intoxicants thought He should come and go when He wanted to. On Sunday morning He left Station at 7am I instructed Him to be back by 1 Pm and He did not return until Monday Morning and wanted Me to show Him Only

absent six hours I refused to do so and told Him that He would have to explain to the Office why He didnt get back within six hours He then says I dont Care anything about this job or you either and again left and returned late in the afternoon to get His personal effects Brakham and Brooks Had a long private conversation Brakham was under the influence of liquor when He returned to Sta. Brakham later wrote a letter to the office at the instigation of A.H. Brooks

I will not take up any further time with A.H. Brooks only to say that He did everything possible against Me and to hinder the work of the Station

I will ask the Bureau to be the judge as to whether or not I could have had a fair trial as principal Assaying with a bunch of Co-workers who had an

agreement to do everything possible against Me, in order to get Me replaced as Keeper because I was trying to do something for the Service

This is the only reason why I did not prove satisfactory as principal Keeper. I will refer the Bureau to the records for the one year and 15 days I was Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station there was Not one complaint about Main or Minor lights in My charge being extinguished or improper Radio beacon operation also Station and everything connected with it in one hundred percent better condition when I was relieved as Keeper than when I takened Station over. I will refer the Bureau to Mr. H. D. Dalzell and Mr. J. W. Hayenbeck Senior Engineer and Radio Electrician respectively for verification of this as they visited the office while

visited the Station most while I was Keeper.

In conclusion I wish to list some positions of responsibility that I have held to show the Bureau that I am capable of holding a responsible position

I held the rank of Non Commissioned Officer in the U. S. Army

I was general foreman of wrecking the and removing the Machinery and Railroads of the Stark Wood Lumber Co. Saw Mill of Port St. Joe Fla which was one of the largest Mills in Florida.

I was employed as an Engineer for twelve years for the Fla. Menhaden Co. Port St. Joe Fla. I have also been employed on this position since leaving the Lighthouse Service

I am a graduate of McSweeny Auto Tractor and Electrical School Cincinnatio Ohio

I wish to ask that the Bureau consider My case impartialy with due respects to all concerned, and if the findings are against Me, I will take it as My part and will not Complain and if the findings are in My favor I will appreciate having My record cleared as I have worked almost ten years for the Government including Military Service and I thought My record was clear until My application for reinstalement in the Lighthouse Service was disapproved.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. E. Harrison
P. O. Box 85
Port St. Joe Fla.

10/7 note to Harrison COM re his dismissal on account of

Harrison resigned January 15, 1938 on account of difficulties with a number of other keepers, there having been trouble at the station for a considerable time. Harrison applied for reinstatement recently, but the Bureau made its approval contingent upon the Superintendent's making a strong recommendation in the case. The Superintendent does not do this, being apparently convinced that Harrison is unsuitable, he having apparently a behavior complex as described in the ~~the~~ proposed letter to Harrison inclosed with his (the ~~the~~) of 1/15/37.

In view of ~~the~~ this view & the fact that Harrison has been out only a short time, suggest adhering to it is not deemed in the interest of the service at this time

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October 7, 1938.

Mr. John E. Harrison,
P.O. Box 85,
Port St. Joe, Fla.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of September 1, 1938, regarding reinstatment in this Service:

Owing to the circumstances leading to your resignation from this Service, it is not deemed in the interest of the Service to consider your reinstatement at this time.

For the Commissioner:

Respectfully,

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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