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Date: 5/16/2023

## REQUESTER INFORMATION

| Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle) | Researcher ID Card Number |
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| Anderson, Kraig, L. | 23-003 |
| **E-Mail Address:** | **Phone Number:** |
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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 |
|---|---|---|
| Hicks, William, H. | | 1867 England |

## 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): CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

## CIVILIAN SERVICE

| (Agency & Location) | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lighthouse Service | From: 1911 | To: 1923 |
| (Agency & Location) | From: | To: |
| (Agency & Location) | From: | To: |

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

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## STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-280 12959756

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

## SCREENING NOTES

- ☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed SBA
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items: 1 SBA

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

**Employee Name:** HICKS, WILLIAM H. **DOB:** 1867 POB England
DOS: 1911-1923 SVC records have DOB as 1865

**Records checked:**

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| Agency: Commerce 6028 | Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk | positive | (negative) |
| Agency: Commerce 6029 | Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk | positive | (negative) |
| Agency: Old Commerce | Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk | positive | (negative) |

**AND**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Agency: Treasury 2189 | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | (positive) | negative |
| Agency: Treasury 2188 | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | positive | (negative) |
| Agency: Old Treasury | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | (positive) | negative |

**If Negative:**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | positive | negative |
| Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | positive | negative |
| Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | positive | negative |
| Agency: Coast Guard SRCs | Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk | positive | negative |

**If Negative:**

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| **CMRS:** possible CG service | Area: _____ | positive | negative |
| **ARCIS**: _____ | Area: _____ | positive | negative |

**Notes:** _____

WW:EMA

May 29, 1923.

Miss Elsie J. Harris,
227 Jefferson Street,
Hoquiam, Wash.

Dear Madam:

1. In reply to your letter of May 25th, you are advised that Mr. Hicks left no address when he left the Service. It is understood that mail will reach him through his brother, whose address is:-

Mr. George Hicks,
6712 - 42nd Ave.,
South Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

H. W. RHODE

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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(COPY)

FEB 20 1919

RECEIVED
FEB 26 1919
Lighthouse Inspector
SAN FRANCISCO

Sir:

Referring to report of your rescue from drowning on Feb. ry 1, 1919, of three young men, whose canoe capsized near the Mile Rocks Lig. Station, California, two of whom were being carried out to sea with a strong ebb tide, the Department heartily commends you for the service rendered on the occasion referred to, which it is understood was attended with considerable personal risk. This commendation will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Feb 20, 1919

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal. (Signed) William C Redfield

of his office. By direction of the Commissioner. See your report

uary 7, 1919.

Clark
Chief Clerk.

Secretary.

W.H. Hicks,
Keeper, Mile Rocks Light Station, Cal.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

HWR:AMG

Enc.

Feb. 7,1919

Commissioner of Lighthouses

Subject: W. H. Hicks - Services in saving life

1. There is forwarded a copy of a letter from W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Mile Rocks Light Station, dated Feb. 3rd, reporting having saved two young men from drowning, who had capsized in a canoe near his station.

2. As it appears that Hicks rescued these young men at considerable risk to himself, it is recommended that a letter of commendation be addressed to him.

H.W. Rhodes.

(COPY AMG)

Lighthouse Inspector
San Francisco, Cal.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District
Mile Rocks
Feb. 3,1919

Supt. of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to report that on Sat. Feb. 1-19,3 young men while visiting station in a canoe, capsized in the surf at the rock, and two of them were being carried out to sea with a strong ebbtide, Managed to right the canoe, and with a board for a paddle succeeded in getting to them, and rescued them, in an exhausted condition, brought them to the station and gave them hot coffee and after the turn of the tide got them to shore safe.

Very respectfully,

W. H. HICKS ( Signed)

Keeper

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Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Respns -

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

RECEIVED
FEB 5 1919
Lighthouse Inspector
SAN FRANCISCO

Mile Rocks.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Feb-3. , 1919

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Very Respectfully. W. H. Hicks.

Keeper.

Charges

Wit Hicks vs Davy

1921—1923

THIS FILE CONTAINS CORRESPONDENCE OF AN OBJECTIONABLE NATURE.

JAN 22 1923 V

Point Reyes, California

January 19,1923

Captain W. H. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

A copy of this letter was written on Jany. 7th. and mailed but was returned to me undelivered, hence the delay in receiving my answer.

Referring to your letter of Jany.3, acknowledging Mr. Hick's denial of my charges and your apparent belief of his counter charges, will say, that it is only to be expected that he would deny them and secure the corroboration of same. The fact that he denies cussing me is proof that his statements can not be relied upon. Any number of corroborations of an untruth does not make a truth. Hence such evidence is not conclusive; not only that but if given under oath it would be considered as perjury.

I realize the gravity of what I have said. If such were not absolutely true, I should not have dared to say it. In my dealings with Mr. Hicks I have always treated him as tho he were a gentleman.

During the months that he has alienated me- in order to establish such evidence against me- he has built up a coalition by having the other keepers work with him constantly and as I have not voiced my side of the case, it is only natural that they should accept his viewpoint.

As to inefficiency and inattentiveness to my work, I consider the above answers this also.

Mr. Hicks delegated Mr.Carey to instruct me how to operate the fog signal and the tower lamps. Presumably because of my letter of introduction to Mr. Smith, which he did not like, it is apparently evident from the beginning that he would do everything to lessen my success, consequently he complains about my operation.

He has refused three times to instruct me about the pumping apparatus. Do you think such actions are contributary to the height of efficiency ?

I maintain my innocence of violation of Paragraph 14, on the grounds that my letters have been defensive answers to his false charges of inefficiency, laziness, etc. and

that they are honest expositions - not gi
any intent of malice - of his abusive s
sion, injustice and tyrannical attitude t
which make him guilty of violation of Par

Yours very truly

L. H.

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JAN 10 1923

Point Reyes, Calif.
January 8,1923

Captain W. H. Rhodes
Superintendent Lighthouses
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I regret that it is necessary to write to you again, but Mr. Hicks' profane speech continues, placing me in a defensive position.

On Dec. 29, he sent me to the post office, forbidding me to get Mr. Smith's mail. As I have been absolutely dependent upon him to deliver my mail for more than four months, and as Mr. Hicks placed especial stress upon gathering and delivering all of the farmers' mail, omitting the Weather Bureau's, I realized it was an imposition. I have not at any time been involved in any of his contemptible work, so consequently I brought all of the mail for the residents, along the peninsula as has been customary. This is the only time I have disobeyed any of his just or unjust commands.

He met me at the garage and the following conversation ensued:

"Did you bring the Weather Bureau mail ?" 'I did." "You have not taken a letter or a package for me for more than four months. I have had to depend on Mr. Smith entirely, so I could not refuse to bring his."

" I have hauled you and your G--d d--n groceries all summer. All right, I got cha now. I got cha just where I want you. I got cha by the b---s."

I drove on without replying. But, Captian Rhodes, that is a pseudo statement. My records reveal that I have purchased nearly all of my groceries at Snow's. This is because of the inconvenience of getting them overland. Mr Smith hauled the most of what few groceries I bought locally. The balance Mr. Hicks brought of his own free will and accord. As to hauling me -- well since I arrived here I have ridden with him once. I have repeatedly offered to compensate him for same.

Mr. Smith took my wife to Point Reyes when she went to the hospital for confinement. He picked both of us up at Inverness on our return. Mrs. Smith went to Inverness for mother. When she went I intended to leave with her. Mr. Hicks refused to let me go because Mrs. Smith was taking her to Point Reyes. He did not take me. I paid one of Mrs. Amador's hired men to take me to Point Reyes four days later. I was deprived of the pleasure of showing my aged mother about the City So you see his statement wasnot only insulting but dishonest.

On Dec. 26, he sent me to the signal for 2, 1" 45°ells and a 1" pipe die and stock. As there are two kinds of pipe dies of this size,and he did not say which one he wanted, I said I would bring up the block die. He did not say he wanted the other die. I spent a half hour hunting for the 45° ells, which were not there.

I brought up the block die and stock and 2 1" 90° ells. He accepted them. When he saw the die, he threw his pipe wrench down on the cement floor and said " J---s H. C----t don't you know better than to bring up that thing. Go down there and get the adjustable die and stock and see if you can get back in less than an hour." He takes particular delight in cursing me before his other assistants- I presume to show his authority.

It makes no difference whether he givesme a one or a two-man job, he sends me out alone. On Nov. 24 he sent me to build a barb-wire fence. When I asked for some one to sight the posts, he refused on the grounds that he could not spare any one. Finally he came and I placed the posts where he directed. One of them I found about three feet out of line. When I asked him if I were to move it, he said "G -d d--n it, Davy have I got to wait on you like a baby ? Who was your servant last year ? **** You are not building a palace, that's only an a-s h-e job."

On Dec. 9th I put 5½ gallons of kerosene in the lamp tank, which filled it to the required amount. On Dec. 15th. he said that he found on Dec. 9, the tank one half gallon short and had Mr. Jachne measure it. What would hinder Mr. Hicks from removing one half gallon unknown to any one ? He had ample time To substantiate this contention: About May 26th. Mr. Carey said to me, "You better do everything Bill wants you to because if you dont there isn't a trick too mean, or dirty or low for him to play on you." This was witnessed. mr. Baker.

who.

We have received invitations to five neighborhood dances this winter. I have sent regrets to all. Mrs. Davy attended the New Years Eve party at the Radio Station. Mr. Hicks said I ran away from the station and attended the dance. He said that Mr. Amador told him I was there and that he "tracked" me to the reservation gate. Mr. Amador has not seen or talked with him since long before the party. How could he "track" me as I did not go. In fact I have never been there in my life. The watch book shows that I was on duty from 9:00 P M to 12:00 P.M. Dec. 31st After that I waited in the sitting room for Mrs. Davy till 4:00 a.m. Mr. Hicks was on watch from 3:00 a.m. till sunrise. The following persons were present and they are willing to corroborate my statement that I was not there.

to whom any ant? Mr. B reported this

who brought her home -

| Name | Occupation | Address |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Hungerford | Radio man in charge | U S Radio Compass station |
| Mr. Stitt | Keeper | U S Coast Guard |
| Mr. Underhill | 1 asst. keeper | do |
| Mr. Amith | Observer | U S Weather Bureau |
| Mr. Martin | Post Master | Point Reyes |
| Mr. Amador | Farmer | do |
| Mrs. Davy | (wife) | do |

This is a good example of the dishonesty of his statements.

Mr. Hicks is using Mr. Batchelor as a tool to further his own ends. Mr. Batchelor said, on Dec. 7th, "Whatever Mr. Hicks says, goes with Captain Rhodes." On Dec. 26th. Mr. Batchelor said: "You better pack up your things and go." He criticized

mr witness

my letter to you and when I inquired what he knew about its contents, he said "Captain Rhodes sent the whole mess to me to answer." He also said "Mr. Hicks didn't swear at me and I'll stand up and awear to that." Can you imagine such perjury ? Some time ago he called up my house, thinking he was getting Mr. Jachne. Mrs. Davy answered the phone. He said Oh, b- s! Later he told me he thought it was Mrs. Smith he was taliing to - kind of lame excuse, I think.

At 3:25 a.m. Jan. 2, he called me to ascertain what was thematter with the tank. He said the gauge stood at 42 pounds at 3:18. Upon being told it was all right when I left, he said "You're a liar." I contradicted him. He repeated, "You're a liar." I hung up. In five minutes Mr. Hicks called, from the tower, ordering me down to see the tank. Mrs. Davy accompanied me to witness the situation, arriving at 3:45 a.m. When they saw my wife, the look of defeat registered upon their faces was astonishing. They looked as though the bottom had dropped out of their trick. As he called me down to look at the tank, it appears suspicious that he did not want me to see it,- saying "Its all right now; I pumped it up." He chicaned about stolen pie tins and towels - my property which I bought. It was necessary to admonish Mr. Batchelor for swearing before a woman.

The watch book records, Jan. 2, 3:00 a.m. - 7/30 a.m. Light not good, air pressure at 42 pounds pressure called keeper 3 a.m. Charles Batchelor. This is not so - he did not call keeper at 3: a.m. for I did not leave till after 3: a.m. He telephoned that the pressure was at 42 pounds at 3:18 and verified that statement before my wife. Mr. Hicks said the pressure was the same at 3:30. I have an eye witness to this. You know that the pressure could not hold at 42 pounds for 30 minutes on the first night following the filling of the tank. Hence their deception is self-evident.

who -

Mr. Hicks intends to "get me" and there is no statement or act too foul for him to say or do, if he thinks it will lead to that success.

About July 20, he directed me to box up eleven chimneys that were formerly used on the wick tower lamp. These were to be sent to the depot. He ordered me to smash up the balance - about nineteen - he said he did not want the inspector to know that he had them for he did not have them on his books. Realizing I should not destroy Government property I hid them in the bushes - where they now are, as mute evidence of his violation of paragraph 77 on page 19 of Instruction Book. If he would endeavor to deceive you, an executive, would he be above deceiving me, a subordinate ?

where are they ?

Mr. Hicks has not only failed to take my mail for many months but he has at various times left my packages. In the past Mr. Smith has brought these. On Jan. 3 a package of meat for me arrived at Amador's ranch from the City. The following day Mr. Hicks went to the post office. On his return the package was offered to him and he refused it. As Mr. Smith is not bringing any of the Lighthouse mail now, how am I to get my perishable parcels before they spoil on the way ?

what evidence. Mrs. Amador.

The situation here has nearly reached the limit of human endurance, yet through all of this trying experience I have stayed at my post, doing my duty faithfully and appealing to you. I hope these appeals have not been made in vain.

Respectfully yours

L. H. DAVY

2nd. asst. keeper.

HWR:AME

Jan. 3, 1923.

L. H. Davy, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring again to your letter of December 14th, filing charges against Keeper W. H. Hicks, you are advised that the Keeper has denied the charges that he abused, mistreated, or cursed you, and has made the statement that you are inefficient, inattentive to your duty, and not qualified by temperament for the work of the Lighthouse Service.

2. As Mr. Hicks' testimony has been corroborated by both of the other keepers on the station, it would appear that you are guilty of violation of Paragraph 14 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, copy of which has been furnished you, and in view of the conclusive nature of the evidence against you, you are directed to report if you know of any reason why your case should not be referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for appropriate action.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
**LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE**

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JAN 2 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

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put an "h" in front of "as" when used with verbs in all cases -

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

POINT REYES.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Dec-30, 1922, 19

Supt of Lighthouses. 18th Dist.

San Francisco. Calif.

Sir:-

I regret to be compelled to place charges against 2nd Asst Davy. For Incompetency. & Insubornation. respectfully.

Will state that 2nd Asst Davy will not operate Fog Signal within the Rules and regulations, or accordence to instructions given him, he is constantly making trouble with the Machinery. He as ran the Engines on several occasions without turning on the water, untill the paint is blistered on the Jackets, and on several occasions having shut down as left the water run into the manafold, and filled up the cylinders, which means a loss of time in getting signal started the next time,

On several occasions the Light as been found smoking oweing to him letting the air pressure get low, and then pumping up just before calling the watch, to 60 lbs resulting in a smoking lamp, have repeatly told him of this but still presists in doing the same thing,

His work on the Station is intirly unsatifactory, cannot be trusted to do the smallest thing without some mishap, I dare not have him to assist on the Engine repairs, Light, etc? Lens and Crosbys are continuly out of time, oweing to him meddling with the adjustments,

I have repeatly told him to leave them alone, that I would attend to that,
For the past two months he as done all in his power to break or do something to impar the running of the Lens and Machinery,
Myself and 1st & 3rd Asst have to almost drive him to the signal when Fog sets in, when he is on watch, Stamers have blown several times before he would go down, and in the daytime when its his Fog Watch have to call him out his Quarters to start up,
A few days ago, sent him to change the Chart at 9am, and asked him to bring up the 1"Duplix die, it took him 50 minutes to get back, and than brought the wrong die, which made him another trip, and held up the job the rest of us was doing, and gave me a lot of imprudent talk, etc? anything to hold back the job we were doing,
He is slipshod in all his work, also careless, sulky, but in changing the chart on a Sunday or a non work day he will be back to his house in 15 or 20 minutes, if spoken too about it he will respond with some insulting saracastic reply,
In plain words he is of no use at all to me, would much rather be shorthanded than have him around, he causes lots of dissention, undermines all instruction to him,
While on my last Leave of Absence, 1st Asst reports that the next day after I was gone things started to go wrong, lens and crosbys were out of time, ( Mr Jaehne's report enclosed, )
While he was on his Leave of absence things ran along smoothly and we all regteted to see him come back, and things went bad as before he went away, which proves to me that he is the cause of the trouble,
He as failed to call the watch on several occasions, as much as 35 minutes late, and later found that the Clock was set back,
In the Signal while on watch, he will take the Coleman Lamp down and into the tool room, and sit there with the door shut studing, and never look at the engines for hours at a time, I have gone down there and oiled up the Engines and sat there for 1 hour and 45 minutes and he never knew I was there, he studying in the tool room, Mr Jaehne as found him there also, on releiving him,
He knows nothing about Painting, whitwashing, all as to be done over after him, cannot tie a knot, and will not learn, the other Asst's will not go up on a swinging stage with him, nor will I for its dangerous to trust to him, so I have to have him work alone, then he will shirk and act sulky, I set him to paint the Water tank on the hill going to the tower, he as been 6 days so far and not finished, will take 2 more and at this time when we are trying to get the work done in fine weather all this holds back the work, in doing this he broke a pipe at that which will means a full days work to repair,

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(2)
All Instruction given him regarding operating the Vapour light he as ignored intirly, and when spoken to about will give me some insulting saracatic redly, and still presists in doing what I have repeatly told him not to do, which results in a smoked up Lens and Lantern,
I have repeatly told him to run the Engines on a lean mixture, but presists in turning the needle valve from 5 to 12 turns, when the

Engines will do their best with 1-3/4 turns, completing egnoring my instructions regarding it, and also the rules and Regulations, causing a knocking engine, more carbon, and much more Distallate,

(3)

He as made quite a number of False statments regarding my personal character and tale bearing to other in order to make trouble,

He as branded me as a Drunken Sailor, which I trust will be looked into for no man ever saw me under the influnce of Liqour, one of his expressions are that all Sailors & Soldiers are drunkards, the other Asst's and myself deeply resent this,

Since coming back from my last Leave of Absence have been employed repairing and adjusting Lens and other Machinery caused to my opinion by him, he will not let anything alone, when the time taken to do these things could have been put to some other use,

Therefore Cant I wish some action can be taken to better this state of affairs, for the good of the Station, and the Service in General,

Respectfully, W.A. Meeks Keeper,

Point Reyes Lightstation Dec. 23. 1922.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
JAN - 5 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Keeper in charge,
Pt. Reyes Lightstation,

Sir: I respectfully report that on Dec. 19. 3d asst. Batchelor, on starting engines for fog, found N. engine full of water and both crosbys from 15 to 20 sec. out of time.— Neither I nor Mr. Batchelor had been in engineroom since we overhauled N engine in your presence. He got N. engine started and we regulated R. crosby but left the other one for you to see.— Next morning Dec. 20. during my watch from 3 a.m. to sunrise, light was good, lens on time, I put light out at sunrise and left everything in excellent condition, did not touch lens or clockwork.— At 9 a.m. sent 2nd asst Dary to paint tank at head of stairs to tower, 3d asst. to paint storehouse and I had to change chart in engineroom, found not N. engine full of water again; however, got it started and left it in good condition, and helped 3d asst paint storehouse.— At proper time got the light ready, did not touch lens until time to start when lens would not turn, had to increase weight to three times usual weight to get lens to turn on time.— At that same time could not get any one over telephone, no resistance.

As I knew that the lens could not possibly get out of order so bad by just standing there all day and knew that neither I nor 3rd asst had been near the tower all day, this, combined with the telephone getting out of order at same time, did look queer to me, so I thought it best not to touch any adjustments whatever; assuming that, since you knew how you left everything you could tell on your return if they had been touched. — I also instructed 2nd + 3rd asst. not to touch anything. Lens turned on time with the increased weight. — The telephone was out of order all night. — Dec. 21. 2nd asst. Dary came to my quarters stating he would set his alarm clock, as the telephone is out of order. He did not touch the phones nor go over the line but next night telephone worked fine.

Respectfully

G. H. Jackne

First assistant Keeper.

Forwarded. 12/30-02

W. H. Hicks Keeper.

COPY:LH

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

18TH DISTRICT

Point Reyes, Dec. 30, 1922.

Supt. of Lighthouses, 18th Dist.
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:-

I regret to be compelled to place charges against 2nd Asst. Davy, for incompetency and insubordination, respectively.

Will state that 2nd Asst. Davy will not operate fog signal within the rules and regulations, or according to instructions given him. He is constantly making trouble with the machinery. He has run the engines on several occasions without turning on the water, until the paint is blistered on the jackets, and on several occasions having shut down has left the water run into the manifold and filled up the cylinders, which means a loss of time in getting signal started the next time.

On several occasions the light has been found smoking owing to him letting the air pressure get low and then pumping up just before calling the watch, to 60 lbs., resulting in a smoking lamp. Have repeatedly told him of this but he still persists in doing the same thing.

His work on the station is entirely unsatisfactory, can not be trusted to do the smallest thing without some mishap. I dare not have him to assist on the engine repairs. Light, etc., lens and Crosbys are continually out of time, owing to him meddling with the adjustments. I have repeatedly told him to leave them alone, that I would attend to that.

For the past two months he has done all in his power to break or do something to impair the running of the lens and machinery. Myself and 1st and 3d Asst. have to almost drive him to the signal when fog sets in, when he is on watch. Steamers have blown several times before he would go down, and in the daytime when it is his fog watch have to call him out of his quarters to start up.

A few days ago, sent him to change the chart at 9 a.m., and asked him to bring up the 1" Duplex die; it took him 50 minutes to get back, and then he brought the wrong die, which made him another trip and held up the job the rest of us were doing, and gave me a lot of impudent talk, etc.,--anything to hold back the job we were doing.

He is slipshod in all his work, also careless, sulky; but in changing the chart on a Sunday or a non-work day he will be back to his house in 15 or 20 minutes; if spoken to about it he will respond with some insulting, sarcastic reply.

In plain words, he is of no use at all to me; would much rather

be short-handed than have him around. He causes lots of dissension, undermines all instruction to him.

While on my last leave of absence, 1st Asst. reports that the next day after I was gone things started to go wrong; lens and Crosbys were out of time. (Mr. Jaehne's report enclosed.)

While he was on his leave of absence, things ran along smoothly and we all regretted to see him come back, and things went bad as before he went away, which proves to me that he is the cause of the trouble. He has failed to call the watch on several occasions, as much as 35 minutes late, and later found that the clock was set back.

In the signal, while on watch, he will take the Coleman lamp down and into the tool room, and sit there with the door shut studying, and never look at the engines for hours at a time. I have gone down there and oiled up the engines and sat there for 1 hour and 45 minutes and he never knew I was there, he studying in the tool room. Mr. Jaehne has found him there also, on relieving him.

He knows nothing about painting, whitewashing; all has to be done over after him; can not tie a knot, and will not learn. The other assistants will not go up on a swinging stage with him, nor will I, for it is dangerous to trust to him, so I have to have him work alone; then he will shirk and act sulky. I set him to paint the water tank on the hill going to the tower. He has been six days so far and not finished; will take two more and at this time when we are trying to get the work done in fine weather all this holds back the work. In doing this he broke a pipe at that, which will mean a full day's work to repair.

(2) All instructions given him regarding operating the vapor light he has ignored entirely, and when spoken to about it will give me some insulting, sarcastic reply, and still persists in doing what I have repeatedly told him not to do, which results in a smoked up lens and lantern.

I have repeatedly told him to run the engines on a lean mixture, but persists in turning the needle valve from 5 to 12 turns, when the engines will do their best with 1-3/4 turns, completely ignoring my instructions regarding it, and also the rules and regulations, causing a knocking engine, more carbon, and much more distillate.

(3) He has made quite a number of false statements regarding my personal character and tale bearing to others in order to make trouble. He has branded me as a drunken sailor, which I trust will be looked into, for no man ever saw me under the influence of liquor. One of his expressions is that all sailors and soldiers are drunkards; the other assistants and myself deeply resent this.

Since coming back from my last leave of absence, have been employed repairing and adjusting lens and other machinery, caused, in my opinion,

by him. He will not let anything alone, when the time taken to do these things could have been put to some other use.

Therefore, Captain, I wish some action could be taken to better this state of affairs, for the good of the station, and the service in general.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. H. Hicks,

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
DEC 31 1922
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Subject:
Reply to Charges.

POINT REYES.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Dec-27-1922., 19

Supt of Lighthouses. 18th Dist.

San Francisco. Calif.

Sir:-

In Reply to your letter of the 21st of Dec-directing me to submit an answer to charges preferred against me by 2nd Asst Davy, charging me with voilating Paragraph 12 of Instructions to Employees of the U.S. Lighthouse service.

I have not not at any time used any profane language, or abusive, either to him or any other in the Lighthouse service, I did however pass a remark one morning about him coming to work to paint with an overcoat and woolen mittens on, saying your are the first man to my knowledge in this Dist to wear such a rig to work on Station work while the rest of the crew including myself was in shirt sleeves, as the wether was not cold, and saying that I meant no insult, more of a joke than any other way,

Regarding interfering with his wife, I had to tell him to not have her interfere with the dutys of the Station, for it was not her place,

On Dec 5th we did have a heavy rain and wind storm, Mr Jaehne 1st Asst light up, that night, and the ventilators was closed on the weather side of the tower, the water in question was in the scuppers not caused from the ventalators at all,

The next morning myself and 1st and 3 Asst's was employed in the Engine room, and being as I had no use for him there sent him to the Tower to clean out the scuppers, told him to wash them out with soap and water, he failed to put on the Lens Covers, and spashed up the whole Lens, and when it dried up left them full of white spots, caused by the soapy water being spashed around in a careless manner,
I never discovered it till after lighting up that evening, the next Morning I sent him to clean it off, as they could not be done during that night, I spoke to him about it, but he denyed putting it on, and was very impudent and overbearing about, it, it was very prevoking to me, so I sent him down to clean it, and made this remark that Lens sa to cleaned all over to day, you go there and stay there till its clean, he went and growled and made some saucy remarks which I did not just get, but it was a slur on me, I did not Curse himnor did I use any profane waords, however he done the job so that the Lens was in fair shape for night,
Regarding the 3rd Asst's being promoted over his head, Mr Berntsen the Former 1st Asst was promoted over him is true, and I was very pleased to have him, simply because he was the better man, and in reccomending him to your office I consider I was doing it for the best of the Station and the Lighthouse service in general, after Mr Berntsen left, Mr Jaehne proved to be the much better man than Davy, it was also my duty to do the same thing to also recoomend him for the promotion, For Davy is not a fit man to so far to have charge in the Keepers absence, ( to my opinion)
He speakes of Lighthouse Employees "as aa Gang" a bunch of drunken Sailors and Soldiers, and is very disrespectfull & undermining in general,
As to me refering to Smith as "aBohunk" Turk, and a D--m German, and Blubber Friend" and also on killing him etc! and also regarding the High Masons are all false,
In coclusion will say that that the whole is a trumped up batch of LIES of the blackest type,

Very Respectfully W. H. Hicks.

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
DEC 30 1922
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Reyes.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel.~~)

December 26th, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, California.

2. sheets.

Sir: Replying to your letter of Dec. 21. '22. I respectfully report that, to my knowledge, the charges filed by 2nd asst. Davy are false. The keeper in charge did not curse 2nd asst. Davy or use abusive language toward him on Dec. 7th or any other time. — 2nd asst. Davy probably has reference to this: On Dec. 6th the keeper sent 2nd asst Davy to wash the frame of the lantern, 2nd asst. Davy neglected to cover the lens and bespattered the lens from top to bottom with soapsuds. That night 2nd asst. Davy was very careful to clean his own section of the lens, not touching any other. — On the morning of Dec. 7th the keeper sent 2nd asst. Davy to clean the lens, saying: "you are inefficient." whereupon 2nd asst walked off, muttering: "I am not!" — In calling 2nd asst Davy inefficient, the keeper only told him the truth. — I was on this station about 2 weeks, as 3rd asst., when one night I had to tell 2nd asst. Davy several times to start the fog signal and then almost had to make him go, the 2nd asst arguing that it was not thick enough as no steamers were blowing. On other time, after calling 2nd asst Davy several times

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT
Point Reyes.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
Dec. 26th, 1922.

in vain, a steamer blew; upon telling the 2nd asst. Davy so he said, "are you sure it is a steamer? it may be one of the bull seals!" thus doubting the judgement of a man who had followed the sea all his life. — There are many more instances, where 2nd asst. Davy has shown that that the keeper was right in calling him inefficient; in fact 2nd asst. Davy does not know a reef knot from two half hitches. — When the keeper goes for mail and leaves me in charge of the station I cannot depend on 2nd asst. Davy should fog come in and I have no doubt the keeper feels the same. — During my stay on this station Mr. W. H. Hicks, keeper in charge has always treated every one here fair and square.

Respectfully
G. D. Jeehne
First assistant keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
DEC 30 1922
SAN FRANCISCO

HWR:AME

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Dec. 21, 1922.

C. H. Batchelor, 3rd Assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

1. Mr. L. H. Davy, 2nd Assistant Keeper at your station, has stated that Mr. W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Station, has treated him in a tyrannical manner and that on the morning of December 7th, last, in the presence of the other two keepers, he cursed him and used abusive language toward him in directing the performance of certain work.

2. You are requested to report if, to your personal knowledge, the charges filed by Mr. Davy are correct, and, if so, you are requested to report what provocation the Keeper may have had for addressing the 2nd Assistant Keeper in such a manner.

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Light houses
Sir
In reguards to above statment of
Mr. L. H Davy a assistant Keeper that Mr. Hicks
Keeper of this Station did not on the Morning
of Dec 7th or any other time curse them or treat him in a
tyannical manner but will say he had
pleanty of provocation

Respectfully Yours
Charles H Batchelor
3rd asst Point Reyes Lightstation
California

HWR:AME

Dec. 21, 1922.

L. H. Davy, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

1. Your letter of December 14th, charging the Keeper with tyrannical conduct, and with enforcing his orders to you by the use of profane language, on the morning of December 7th, has been referred to him for reply.

2. Further testimony from you in this matter will be called for if deemed necessary.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

HWR:AME

Dec. 21, 1922.

G. W. Jaehne, 1st Assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

1. Mr. L. H. Davy, 2nd Assistant Keeper at your station, has stated that Mr. W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Station, has treated him in a tyrannical manner and that on the morning of December 7th, last, in the presence of the other two keepers, he cursed him and used abusive language toward him in directing the performance of certain work.

2. You are requested to report if, to your personal knowledge, the charges filed by Mr. Davy are correct, and, if so, you are requested to report what provocation the Keeper may have had for addressing the 2d Assistant Keeper in such a manner.

H. W. RHODES

HWR:AME

Dec. 21, 1922.

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Point Reyes Light Station.

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H. W. RHODES

HWR:AME

Enc.

Dec. 21, 1922.

Mr. W. H. Hicks,
Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station.

Subject: Charges

1. There is forwarded herewith for your information a copy of a letter from 2nd Assistant Keeper L. H. Davy, at your station, dated December 14th, charging you with violation of paragraph 13 of Instructions to Employees of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, 1915, copy of which has previously been furnished you.

2. You are directed to submit in writing within five days from the receipt of this letter such reply to these charges as you may desire to make.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

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DEC 19 1922

Point Reyes, California.
December 14, 1922.

Captain H. W. Rhodes,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Thursday, December 7th, in answer to my cheery "good-morning", Mr. Hicks vouchsafed the following: "You are inefficient, God d--n you!" This is the culmination born of continual submission to animadversion and condemnation. It runs the gauntlet from the clothes I wear to the actions of my wife.

The above declaration is based on the following incident: December 5th there was a severe rain and wind storm while Mr. Jaehne was on watch. The other two men were also at the tower; yet no one closed the ventilators till after the draining cups on the windows were filled.

The following morning at about 10 o'clock, Mr. Hicks sent me to mop out the cups and wash the window-sills and casings. I did so, and when I left at noon everything was apparently clean and shining. That night when I went on at 12.00 midnight, I found the whole lens spattered up. I dug right in and cleaned my section, and I was the only one who did clean a section that night. Two men preceded me, yet no remark was made to me about the spots. Why the secrecy?

The following morning Mr. Hicks bawled me out in the presence of the others, accusing me of slobbering up the lens; also stating that everything I did was wrong; that I made more work than I accomplished; that I was inefficient; that I was a dirty, sloppy workman; winding up with "you are inefficient, God d--n you! Go down there and clean up that mess and don't come back till it's done, if it takes till 8.00 o'clock tonight." I straightway went down and worked continuously until I finished my task at 3.45 p.m. The dirt removed from some of those sections was disgraceful.

I don't feel that I am responsible for those spots; but in order to clarify the situation, I will shoulder the blame. If I am at fault, then 'tis due to my earnestness in rubbing the grime and finger marks from the sills. Had the ventilators been closed during the rainstorm, it would have saved over eight hours' work; so I think Mr. Hicks has little ground on which to base his accusation of inefficiency; and much less on which to base his cursing.

Now, Captain Rhodes, I must take exception to his repeated statements of inefficiency. I am neither inefficient, lazy nor a dirty, sloppy workman-- I am the direct opposite. There is no job too dirty; no task too menial for me to enter into whole heartedly. I have the interests of the Service in mind at all times, and am doing everything within my latitude and ability for its betterment. I take exception to Mr. Hicks passing such censorious judgment upon me before I have been tried and proven guilty.

I object to being sworn at-- In the fifteen years that I have worked for private corporations, occasion has ever arisen that caused any foreman or superintendent to curse me. Surely, this is no instance to justify such abusive language.

The middle or latter part of July he told me he did not want either my wife or myself to either speak to or look at Mr. Smith. That he did not want me to even say "good-morning" to him; that I should let him entirely alone, ignoring him as though he were not on the reservation. He assured me that if I did not "cut" Smith and stay with the Lighthouse gang, he would see to it that I did not advance in the Service. In this Lighthouse "gang", he had as a cooperator, a man who was in the habit of overstaying his leave while away from the station, coming back intoxicated. I have seen him so drunk he could not keep in the road, and again on watch that he couldn't sit up straight. Would you expect me to enter into such an alliance? I am sure you would not!

On November 16th Mr. Hicks stated: "I have no use for Smith, and what's more I have no use for anybody who associates with him." * * * "you are inefficient and you know where the inefficient go."

Nothing would please him more than to see, for the third time, a third assistant go over my head. To further such a step, he is endeavoring to assemble a mass of evidence, out of which he hopes to obtain proof of inefficiency.

Every thought, deed, action or word forms a background for a reason or excuse. If you will grant me a few moments more of your time, I will, as briefly as possible, explain the excuse he imagines he has for his intolerant attitude towards me.

When I first came out here, Mr. Hicks and I found we were Brother Masons and Odd Fellows: As leader of the Lighthouse "gang", he was at that time in the midst of his quarrel with the Weather Bureau Observer. He thought because of my double affiliation, that I would abet his attitude. In order to build up a sympathy towards himself, he talked incessantly for months against Mr. Smith and his family. He prevaricated about them shamelessly; he attacked their reputation and character, even going so far as to say that Mrs. Smith came out of her house and called him a"d-----d old s-- -- - b----".

Mr. Smith meant nothing to me, nor does he now, other than being a neighbor; and consequently I declined to enter into his entangling compact. He had a concentration of interest upon this subject-- viz: Smith, that was almost unbelievable. I strived to pacify him by turning the conversation into other channels, for I got so that I hated to hear him mention the name of Smith. I did everything to mollify him, even going to the length of severing my friendship with Mr. Smith. On July 19th I said "good-bye" to him, stating that under existing conditions, it would

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
APR 27 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Point Reyes Light Station -
April 23 - 1923.

Superintendent of Light Houses.
San Francisco Cal.

There was no letter enclosed in your communication, as stated -

I have inquired of Mr Batchelor concerning Mr Hicks address and have been informed that his last known address was that of his Brother -

Mr George Hicks -
6712 - 42nd Ave -
South Seattle -
Wash -

a letter (registered) is supposed to have reached him at that address -

W. A. Kane Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

April 21, 1923.

Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

1. There is enclosed herewith a letter addressed to Mr. W. H. Hicks, former keeper of the Point Reyes Light Station, with the request that you obtain from Mr. C. H. Batchelor, Second Assistant Keeper at your station, Mr. Hicks' present address and forward the letter to him.

2. Should Mr. Batchelor not be able to furnish you with Mr. Hicks address, you are requested to return the enclosed letter to this office, with an indorsement on the envelope stating that Mr. Hicks is not at the Point Reyes Light Station, and that his present address is unknown to you.

H. W. Rhodes.

No letter enclosed.
H R Kane. Keeper.

HWR:LH
Encl.

April 21, 1923.

Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

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H. W. RHODES

April 13, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Sir:

Charges of unfaithful performance of duty having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Point Reyes Light Station, California, at $1080 per annum, effective at the close of March 6, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William H. Hicks,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES
SUPERINTENDENT
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1923

HWR:LH

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif., April 21, 1923.

Forwarded to -
Mr. W. H. Hicks, Care Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

HWR:EMA
Encls.

W. H. HICKS, Charges against

April 2, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges of unfaithful performance of duty preferred against W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Point Reyes Light Station, on March 27th, which have been returned by the First Assistant Keeper with the statement that Mr. Hicks is not on the station and that his present address is unknown.

2. Hicks' desertion from his post of duty is the culmination of a long period of misconduct which had recently been reported to this Office and which was under investigation at the time Hicks left the station.

3. It is recommended that Hicks be discharged from the Service for unfaithful performance of duty, his dismissal to date from the close of March 6th.

4. Hicks had been paid for his services to the close of February 28th, inclusive, and had not taken leave in excess of the amount accrued.

H. W. RHODES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

HWR:AME

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mar. 27, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
APR -3 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. W. H. Hicks, Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

1. You are hereby charged with unfaithful performance of duty, in that on March 7th you failed to report for duty upon the termination of an authorized leave of absence of five days from your post of duty as Keeper at the Point Reyes Light Station.

2. It further appears that you failed to notify this Office of your intention to permanently leave the station and the Service, thereby causing serious inconvenience to the Service and leaving the station shorthanded, in charge of assistant keepers not thoroughly conversant with the operation of the station.

3. You are directed to submit in writing within three days such reply as you may desire to make to these charges.

H. W. RHODES

Superintendent.

Returned this 31st. day of March 1923. to the Superintendent 18th Dist., for the reason that Mr. W. H. Hicks is not on this station and that his present address is not known.

G. W. Jaehne, 1st assistant.
(acting Keeper, Point Reyes Lightstation.)

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
APR -2 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

HWR:AME
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mar. 27, 1923.

Acting Keeper,
Pt. Reyes Light Station.

1. Referring to the enclosed charges addressed to W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station, you are advised that, while it is understood Mr. Hicks is no longer at the station, it is necessary under the law to submit these charges to him at his last official address with instructions for him to make such reply thereto as he may desire. Should you know officially of Mr. Hicks' present address, you should forward the charges to him. If you are not so informed, you should return the charges to this Office after the expiration of three days with an endorsement on the bottom thereof to the effect that Mr. Hicks is not at the station, and that you are not informed concerning his present address.

H. W. Rhodes.

Point Reyes Light station.
March 31. 1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir: I am returning the charges addressed to Mr. Hicks, his address is not known.

Respectfully,

G. W. Jaehne

Acting Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

Form 7

# TELEGRAM

Civil Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

San Francisco, California Mar. 26 1923
(Place and date)

SEND TO Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington

NIGHT LETTER

Hicks Point Reyes tendered his resignation January fifteenth effective March first Acceptance resignation deferred pending investigation miscellaneous charges against him Investigation not yet complete but charges sufficiently established to warrant his dismissal Hicks failed to return to duty March seventh from five days leave without notifying this office His whereabouts unknown Recommend position be declared vacant and telegraphic authority granted promote Kane first assistant Cabrillo Keeper Point Reyes effective April first or entrance Section two Civil Service Rule one will not be violated by dismissal Hicks Letter follows

RHODES

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

H. W. RHODES
(Name)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Title)

11—459 HWR:AMK PT Confirmation

WW:EMA

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Dismissal - W. H. Hicks.

March 12, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is enclosed copy of a letter to W. H. Hicks, Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station, dated January 11th, warning him that his conduct was liable to result in his dismissal from the Service.

2. On February 29th the Superintendent made a personal investigation of the trouble among the personnel at Point Reyes Light Station and found that Hicks was mainly responsible therefor.

3. Recently it was brought to the attention of this Office that Hicks had been circulating slanderous gossip about another keeper of the District and this matter was also investigated by the Superintendent. Hicks admitted that he had been circulating the gossip as charged but was unable to submit any proof that there was any truth therein.

4. Hicks was granted leave of absence for five days commencing March 2nd and should have returned to duty at the close of March 6th. The First Assistant Keeper has informed this Office that Hicks notified the Third Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes Light Station that he had "gone for good" and to ship his trunks and baggage, also that he had sold his household effects to the Third Assistant Keeper.

5. Nothing has been heard from Hicks by this Office since he left the station. As he prepared his property records and explained to the First Assistant the manner of making out reports and packed up his personal effects before he left the station, it is clear that Hicks did not intend to return to the station after the termination of his leave of absence.

6. It is recommended that Hicks be dismissed from the Service for failure to report for duty.

7. The Superintendent directed that Hicks be dismissed as recommended in paragraph 6 before he left the Office for an inspection of southern stations.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Otter.

HWR:LH

March 9, 1923.

Mr. G. W. Jaehne,
Acting Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station.

1. Referring to your letter of March 7th, reporting that Mr. Hicks had reported that he did not intend to return to the station, you are directed, in case he communicates with anyone at your station, or if his address is otherwise learned, to notify this office immediately concerning his whereabouts.

H. W. ANDREWS

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

HWR:EMA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 12 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
March 7, 1923.

Mr. G. W. Jaehne,
First Assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

1. Referring to your telephone communication of this date to the effect that Mr. W. H. Hicks, Keeper at your station, had sent word to have his personal effects shipped from the station to him, and to the further statement that he did not intend to return to the station.

2. Pending further investigation into Mr. Hicks' conduct and the selection of a permanent keeper, you are directed to assume full charge of the station and of all property pertaining to it and to operate the light and signal and otherwise conduct the station in accordance with the regulations and with other instructions which you will find on the station files.

3. Mr. F. J. Otter, First Assistant Superintendent, will arrive at your station on March 8th and give you further detailed instructions relative to the care and operation of the station and the preparation of an inventory of property at the station.

H. W. RHODES,
Superintendent.

G. W. Jaehne,
First assistant Keeper,
Point Reyes Lightstation.
March 8th 1923.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 7 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Reyes Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

March 7th, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir: I respectfully report that on March 2. 1923 Keeper W. H. Hicks left on 5 days a. leave.
He has not returned to the station but sent a letter to 3rd asst. Batchelor on March 5th, selling him his furniture and requesting him to ship his trunks e.t.c. stating that he is "gone for good"
When leaving (March 2nd) he turned the keys over to me as usual and told me he would be back in 5 or 6 days.
I waited one day after he sent the letter, expecting to hear from you, and called your office on March 7th. by phone.

Respectfully
G. W. Jaehne
First assistant Keeper, Point Reyes Light St.

HWR:AME

Jan. 17, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Hicks,
Pt. Reyes Light Station:

1. Your resignation from this Service dated January 15th, to be effective on or before March 1st, has been received and is under consideration. You will be further advised concerning it at a later date.

H. W. RHODE

Superintendent.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
JAN 17 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Point Reyes Light Station.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Jan-15-1923, 19

Supt of Lighthouses. 18th Dist.

San Francisco. Calif.

Sir:-

In veiw of the facts herein enclosed, and oweing to the conditions under which I am commpelled to live under,

I wish to tender you my Resignation to take effect as soon as conveinent, to you, for its impossibale to to endure it any longer,

Would like to be releived By March 1st, for I have other plans for the future, by that time,

Very Respectfully, W.A. Hicks.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Jan. 11, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 26 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station:

1. It has been reported to this Office that the area of the rain shed discharging into the pipe leading to the stock cistern is not sufficient to fill that cistern with the average rainfall of any one year, and that formerly the cistern was supplied in part by pipes from the roof of the double dwelling. You are directed to report explicitly, fully, and carefully on this matter, including in your report a description of any connections which formerly existed between the roof or other cisterns at the double dwelling with the stock tank.

2. You are further directed to report if it is feasible to dam up the rain shed with sand bags in such a manner as to divert a portion of the water to the pipes supplying the stock tank, and in case such a diversion is feasible, if any dam has been made to divert water in that manner during the present season.

3. Considerable evidence is being furnished this Office of animosity on your part toward the Weather Bureau Observer and the 2nd Assistant Keeper at your station, and you are again directed to be very careful that you treat both of these men courteously and in such a manner as to produce harmony on the station, and you are warned that any violation of these instructions will be the basis of very severe action at the time of the next investigation at your station.

4. Your action in failing to remove the lock from the barn at your station as directed in my letter of December 22nd, and as reported in your letter of January 1st, shows an inclination on your part to avoid carrying out the explicit instructions of this Office, and while your action in leaving the lock on the barn was approved by my letter of January 5th, in view of the fact that Mr. Smith had removed his buggy from the barn, you are advised that any further failure on your part to carry out explicitly and fully the instructions of this Office will result in your immediate suspension from duty and a recommendation for your dismissal from the Service. You have been warned in the past that your conduct in stirring up strife and discontent at your station could no longer be condoned, and another failure on your part to carry out previous instructions to promote peace and harmony on the station cannot be condoned.

(Signed) H. W. RHODES

HWR:AME
Enc.

Civil Service Drawer
Richmond

Mar. 27, 1923.

Acting Keeper,
Pt. Reyes Light Station.

1. Referring to the enclosed charges addressed to W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station, you are advised that, while it is understood Mr. Hicks is no longer at the station, it is necessary under the law to submit these charges to him at his last official address with instructions for him to make such reply thereto as he may desire. Should you know officially of Mr. Hicks' present address, you should forward the charges to him. If you are not so informed, you should return the charges to this Office after the expiration of three days with an endorsement on the bottom thereof to the effect that Mr. Hicks is not at the station, and that you are not informed concerning his present address.

HWR:AME

Mar. 27, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Hicks, Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

1. You are hereby charged with unfaithful performance of duty, in that on March 7th you failed to report for duty upon the termination of an authorized leave of absence of five days from your post of duty as Keeper at the Point Reyes Light Station.

2. It further appears that you failed to notify this Office of your intention to permanently leave the station and the Service, thereby causing serious inconvenience to the Service and leaving the station shorthanded, in charge of assistant keepers not thoroughly conversant with the operation of the station.

3. You are directed to submit in writing within three days such reply as you may desire to make to these charges.

H. W. REDDIN

Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

March 12, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR 26 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Dismissal - W. H. Hicks.

Hicks. Rel.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is enclosed copy of a letter to W. H. Hicks, Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station, dated January 11th, warning him that his conduct was liable to result in his dismissal from the Service.

2. On February 29th the Superintendent made a personal investigation of the trouble among the personnel at Point Reyes Light Station and found that Hicks was mainly responsible therefor.

3. Recently it was brought to the attention of this Office that Hicks had been circulating slanderous gossip about another keeper of the District and this matter was also investigated by the Superintendent. Hicks admitted that he had been circulating the gossip as charged but was unable to submit any proof that there was any truth therein.

4. Hicks was granted leave of absence for five days commencing March 2nd and should have returned to duty at the close of March 6th. The First Assistant Keeper has informed this Office that Hicks notified the Third Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes Light Station that he had "gone for good" and to ship his trunks and baggage, also that he had sold his household effects to the Third Assistant Keeper.

5. Nothing has been heard from Hicks by this Office since he left the station. As he prepared his property records and explained to the First Assistant the manner of making out reports and packed up his personal effects before he left the station, it is clear that Hicks did not intend to return to the station after the termination of his leave of absence.

6. It is recommended that Hicks be dismissed from the Service for failure to report for duty.

7. The Superintendent directed that Hicks be dismissed, as recommended in paragraph 6, before he left the Office for an inspection of southern stations.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
March 19, 1923.

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Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., for copies of charges preferred against Hicks and copies of his reply thereto in accordance with Regs., 1918. In recommending dismissals also include statements relative to political or religious opinions and employee's leave status, as indicated in Bureau letter of February 21, 1923. No action will be taken on your recommendation of March 10, 1923, for the authorization of position of additional keeper.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JANUARY - MARCH, 1923.

Determined to be an
Administrative Marking
Not National Security Information
By SBR NARA Date 6/9/2023

CONFIDENTIAL FILE

Case covers statement made by W. H. Hicks, Keeper to several Lighthouse employees relative to character of Willard Miller, Keeper.

NOTE: - FILE CONTAINS CORRESPONDENCE OF AN OBJECTIONABLE NATURE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE




EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Mile Rocks
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

March 8, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Sir

In reply to yours of the 6th inst.

The statement that Mr Hick accused Mr Miller of immoral practices while he was Keeper at Los angeles Harbor Light Station and Mr Hick was assistant with him is correct. I have no recollection of Mr Hick saying that he had surprised Mr Miller in the act or obtained positive proof thereof.

Respectfully
G. W. L. Hommedieu
Keeper

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Supt. of Lighthouses
San Francisco

Dear Sir

I am taking the liberty of writing you to see if you can give me any information as to the whereabouts of Mr. W. H. Hicks late Keeper of Point Reyes Light Station

He is an old friend of mine and I have written him two letters in regard to the sickness and death of my father and both have been returned marked "Moved away and left no address"

If you can give me any information it will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you in advance I am Yours Truly

Frank S Young
Box 60 Sogurel Calif

Office of Chief Engineer
San Francisco

Rec'd Oakland [illegible]
March 8th 1913

Sir

I do not remember ever having asked Mr Hicks the question regarding Mr Miller which Mr Hicks claims I did.

While Mr Miller was Cost Accountant under me, he had several Bay acquaintances in Bay Dept. but I never saw or heard of any immoral conduct with which he is charged

Respectfully
C. Hawkins

HWR--JFT

PERSONAL

March 6th, 1923.

Mr. Geo. W. L'Hommedieu,
Keeper, Mile Rocks Light Station:

1. It has been reported to this office, and confirmed by the testimony of one witness, that during the time Mr. Hicks was on duty at the ~~Point Reyes~~ Mile Rks Light Station, he informed you and at least one other keeper on duty there that Mr. Willard Miller, former Keeper of the Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, had been guilty of immoral practices at that Station and that on one occasion he, Hicks, had surprised Miller and obtained positive proof of his guilt in the matter.

2. You are requested to inform this office, at your earliest convenience, if Hicks made such a statement concerning Miller, either to you or, in your presence, to others, and if not, if you have any knowledge of Hicks having made such statements or similar statements to anyone concerning Miller.

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4. He stated that his opinion of your guilt was based on the gossip concerning the fact that you had frequently had a number of boys around your quarters throughout your time of employment in the Lighthouse Service and upon an occurrence at the Los Angeles Harbor Station when he returned unexpectedly after having left the Station in the launch, during foggy weather, and found a boy with you at the Station.

5. Mr. Hick's conduct in this matter is sufficient to warrant his dismissal from the Service but, as a recommendation to that effect, would give a great deal of publicity to the whole matter, it is considered desirable to accept Hick's resignation from the Service and it is probable that he will be relieved from his present duties in the near future.

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H. W. [illegible]

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H. W. HOLES

March 6th, 1923.

Mr. Oscar Newlin,
Keeper, Roe Is. Light Station, Cal.

1. Mr. W.H. Hicks, Keeper of the Pt. Reyes Light Station, has reported that some years ago, when he visited you at Roe Island, while he was on a vacation as Assistant Keeper under Willard Miller at the Los Angeles Harbor Light Station, that on inquiry concerning Miller you asked Hicks if Miller had "plenty of boys around the Station".

2. Hicks has reported this incident in support of his statement that it was common gossip at the stations where Miller had served that he was known or suspected to be guilty of misconduct with boys, and you are directed to report on what information you based the remark above referred to; and to report, also, if to your knowledge, Miller has ever been guilty of immoral conduct of the nature charged at any Station where he has had service; and also report if you know of any circumstantial evidence tending to prove his guilt, as charged.

H.W. JOBES

Capt.H.W.Rhodes,
Supt. of Lighthouses,San Fran.Cal.

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Recently there has come to me additional information concerning the slander which Hicks has been broadcasting around the District about me. Finding it impossible to maintain my attitude under the circumstances I once more reluctantly bring the matter to your attention. There is enclosed a letter from Davis on Alcatraz Island, which furnishes me with first-hand information, also a letter from Lorenzen to Davis, and a letter from W.F. Holmes to Frank Keller, and which, to my mind, is conclusive evidence that Hicks has been guilty of misconduct with boys. I have written to Holmes, but sufficient time has not elapsed for a reply, and the mail service is irregular. It is perhaps an imposition on Lorenzen's friendship to write him a letter without his knowledge or consent, but as there is nothing in the letter that he would not approve of, I am sending it along without waiting for Holmes' answer.

I am not speaking for the purpose of making trouble for Hicks, but for the purpose of protecting myself against the persistent slander which he is circulating about me. I am willing to overlook the matter if he will desist, but I will not submit to the imputation that I am a degenerate. I have never solicited any favor from Hicks, and I have never asked any favor of the Department that I would not be willing to ask of any self-respecting citizen. It is nice to see that those who know me personally take no stock in the story. On Coat Island, for instance, it is a safe bet that those men are very familiar with it in all of its unsavory details, as Hicks was stationed there after leaving Alcatraz Rock, where apparently the slander originated—yet none of the men about the depot seem to know anything about it— which does them credit.

It is an unpleasant thought that this story may have reached the ears of many persons who do not know me, and who are now regarding me in the light of a moron or kindred monster. A party on Coat Island who has known Hicks for ten years informed me that for the past two years Hicks' correspondence seemed to indicate that Hick was becoming insane. I could readily accept this theory in explanation of Hicks' animosity to me, as I never injured him any worse than to severely wound his vanity at times. His conceit was colossal, and made him an enemy of whoever found flaws in his technic. Respectfully,

W. Miller. Kpr.

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I am just beginning to realize that your task of adjusting domestic wrangles and tangles which are constantly recurring on the various stations in by no means easy,and I have no desire to add mine to the burden,therefore,whatever action you may deem necessary will be perfectly satisfactory to me,and you may proceed with absolute certainty that there are no dark spots on my record such as Hicks alleges. I make no claim of being a moral paragon,but I do insist that I have never forfeited my right to be classed with the average decent,self-respecting citizen. It is nice to see that those who know me personally take no stock in the story:On Goat Island,for instance,it is a safe bet that those men are very familiar with it in all of its unsavory details,as Hicks was stationed there after leaving Mile Rock,where apparently the slander originated—yet none of the men about the depot seem to know anything about it— which does them credit.

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Feb. 10, 1920.

Friend Miller:—

For your information I will quote you a few words of W. P. D. Holmes letter to Frank. "So Miller has finely heard of his doings & going on & that from my friend Hicks, yes, he spent some little time, when he first arrived at Pt. Rayes, in giveing me the real low down about Miller, he also told the same stuff to Davis, we all had quite a laugh over the matter, & remarked that it was all a matter of taist. he also said Miller was going the rotten rought as well & he could prove it, well I am not surprised at all as Hicks bussyed himself in telling what sort of sons of bitches were in the service both here & in Washington also Oregon. well you have shure got to move, pretty pronto to find a man, even a small per cent as low & contemptable as that hyphonated English citizen, that guy is a 32 degree mason & brags on what he can do & get by, he can tell them all to go to hell now & the A. F & A. M. will stand by him".

Now if you want to write Holmes & get some dope your self his address is. Gilroy Cal. C/o J. F. Dunne Ranch. R. Delivery.

I would like to hear how you are getting along in this matter, so dont be afraid to write me & any thing I can do for you you bet I will be there, as ever Louis, over

Pendleton, in a day or so as we heard she was a pt we name (if that's how you spell it) yesterday.

We have started our spring work & are busy every day now.

Mrs Bolsa asked how you were getting along & how you liked your new place & I told her you liked it fine now.

I recieved my magazine pencils. Curly sent it to me. have not seen them since we were up there. have not heard any more of the kings but suppose they will want to come out as soon as it is fine weather again.

The Exchange is still hanging on, they got a new glass for us so they called us & said but we have not tryed it yet but will get it next time we go ashore.

Our launch is still broke down, may be we will get one on this tender.

Well this about all the gossip I know of so will close hoping to hear from you soon as we are anxious to hear how you come out & also to give you a hand if you need it.

R. S. V. P. P. D. Q.

L. G. G.

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clearing your name of
such a malicious story
Hoping that justice will
be done I am

Respectfully
Harry Davis
2nd assist
Alcatraz Light Station
Alcatraz, Calif.

P.S.
You may submit this letter
to Capt Rhodes.

ALCATRAZ ISLAND
CALIFORNIA

Mr Miller, Keeper
East Brother Island

Dear Sir,

Replying to
letter of Feb
Between the months of
and October of 1919
attained at Mile Rock
Hicks, I was told by
of you and of what he
you. I was told it
times, as that kind of
vacation was the only
he seemed to know
was only happy when
concerning
Jennie Lockyer

HWR:LH



January 30, 1923.

6. Pending further investigation of this matter, you are advised to say nothing concerning this letter to anyone.

H.W.RHODES
Superintendent.

Mr. Willard Miller,
East Brother Island Light Station.

1. The anonymous letter transmitted by your letter of January 27 has been considered, and I am surprised that you contemplated going "gunning" for anyone on the strength of such a letter. Apparently you have not had occasion previously to consider the weight, or rather the lack of weight, to be given to anonymous communications, and it would be well for you to realize that they should never form a basis for action of any kind, unless the statements made in them have been fully confirmed from reliable sources.

2. An anonymous communication is usually sent by a sneak and a coward who would not dare to face you in the open and stand back of the statements which he makes; and instead of considering the writer of such a letter to be friendly inclined toward you it is usually safe to consider that he is generally trying to work you an injury; or, if not that, to make you the means of working an injury to someone else.

3. In connection with this letter, you are advised that I do not believe there is one word of truth in it. First, I do not believe that you could be guilty of the crime intimated; and, secondly, I do not believe that Mr. Hicks ever charged you with such a crime. This belief is further corroborated by the fact that no one in this office has any information concerning such reports made by Mr. Hicks, and an inquiry made at Goat Island fails to show that anyone there has ever heard of Mr. Hicks making any derogatory statements regarding your character.

4. This office can not investigate Mr. Hicks on unsupported charges submitted in an anonymous letter of this kind, but it can and will make every effort to apprehend the writer of the letter. A comparison of the handwriting in the letter received by you, which is thinly disguised by an attempt at a backhand style of writing, with the letters in the files of this office shows almost conclusively the identity of the writer, and an effort will be made to secure the additional evidence needed to prove conclusively his guilt in the matter within a few days. In the meantime, you are directed to forward to this office, if still available, the envelope in which the anonymous letter was received; and in case you have not preserved it, you are directed to report the postmark and date on it.

5. The contents of the letter above referred to are known to but two persons in this office and will not be given publicity, and you need feel no

January 20, 1923.

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EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

East Brother Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

Feb. 1, 1923, 19

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 18th.Dist.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

The envelope containing the anonymous letter to me and which was forwarded to the Office on 28th. inst.is herewith enclosed.

I beg to state that your wiser and saner judgement has given me an entirely different view of the matter,and had I considered more carefully I might have known there was a catch in it. Hicks, as I remember him, was inclined to be generally truthful and not addicted to the use of filthy language or the telling of obscene stories.

It is most gratifying to know your expressed opinion concerning my moral character.

Very Respectfully,

W. Miller

Keeper.

Baker at Roe Id. confessed to having written letter and asserts Hicks made charges of immoral conduct against Miller.

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1/25/23

Dear Mr Miller ——

A keeper named Wm Hicks at Pt Reyes is trying to have you discharged from the service. He has circulated the story that you lure small boys onto the stations where you work and suck their cocks. He has made the charge that you are a dishonor to the service and is publishing this story to all keepers in

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the District and at the Office. Everyone around Point Reyes knows about you and also on Goat Island.

There is no advice I can give you, but be on your guard and if you can make a counter charge or a counter move be ready to protect your reputation.

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Wilmington, Cal. Jan. 27, 1923

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Capt. H.W. Rhodes,
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Sir:-

The attached anonymous communication was received yesterday. I appreciate the intentions of the party who wrote it as he evidently wishes me well. After reading it the course which first appealed to me was to go gunning for Mr. Hicks at Point Reyes, but such method of vindication would involve complications and court rooms—— and my courtroom experience at Los Angeles on March 23, 1922 thoroughly convinced me that I wanted no more of that sort of entertainment—— therefore, I am sending the letter to you and earnestly hope that you will compel Hicks to explain his reason for spreading a scandal which is absolutely without foundation. I was simply dumfounded when hearing about it, and I was unaware that Hicks held any particular grudge against me. He was with me at the Breakwater from Oct. 1915 to Nov. 1916 and during that period we got along quite as amicably as could be expected. Other keepers now in the service who served with me there are Frank Weller, Louis A Grenier, Phil. Gratto and James H. Murray. Even Murray, busy as he was in painting my character with all shades of blackness never accused me of any crime resembling this charge of Hicks'.

Capt. Rhodes, you well know the stigma which goes with a charge of this character. It is one that no innocent person could allow to pass unchallanged, and no matter how completely I am exonerated the affair will remain in the minds of people who know me, therefore, Hicks has already done me an injury beyond estimate. If Hicks finds entertainment in telling lies about persons he don't like very well it is certainly a vicious form of amusement and something ought to be done about it.

I am unable to recall any incident in connection with boys during my stay at San Pedro wherein either my language or actions could be objected to by even their parents, and I believe Mister Hicks will have a hard time in explaining himself.

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Dear Bert:

You may be surprised to hear I am in trouble. I sent Miller, the keeper at East Brother Light, word that Hicks had been telling the fellows in the Service that Miller enticed small boys and practiced immorality on them. You will remember the tale Hicks told us about Miller and the boys and how Hicks caught him and all the rest of it.

Well, I simply wished to let miller know, so I did not sign the letter I sent, however miller turned the letter over to Supt. Rhodes. Evidently my handwriting was as good as a signature for the blame is laid on me.

Now it has developed that

# TESTIMONY BEARING ON ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY WILLARD MILLER, KEEPER, EAST BROTHER IS. LIGHT STATION, AND TURNED OVER TO SUPT.

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STATEMENT TAKEN BY SUPERINTENDENT, at PT. REYES LIGHT STATION,

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WED. FEBY. 28th, 1923, from KEEPER HICKS.

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Capt. Rhodes: Do you know Miller well?

Keepet Hicks: Yes sir, I knew him pretty well. I was with him about two years.

R. Did he always treat you well?

H. Fairly well.

R. Did he ever mistreat you?

H. No.

R. What is your opinion of his character?

H. Very fine fellow.

R. In regard to his moral character?

H. I can't say anything about that.

R. Have you any information in regard to his moral character?

H. I have no information of that, morally. He was kind of rough in his way. He was a rough-speaking fellow.

R. That does not particularly involve his morals - his manner of speaking.

H. Morally - he's clean; a good work-man.

R. Have you anyknowledge of misconduct on his part -- of any kind?

H. No sir.

R. Did you ever charge him with misconduct to anybody?

H. No.

R. Did you ever tell anybody any tales concerning him, in which he was placed in a bad light?

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Keeper Hicks, Pt.Reyes,
relative to Willard Miller.

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R. Newlin said: "Then, Miller's all right", did he?

H. Yes. I never seen anything more than the boys hanging around there.

R. You say: 'You and the other keeper didn't like his having the gang of boys hanging around there'. How did he get them out there?

H. They used to walk around the break-water.

R. What do you mean when you say 'they would hang around'?

H. One morning I was going over to trim the beacons. Just as I pulled off on the float, with John Erickson, who came from a station in Alaska, to relieve George Alexius (transferred to 16th - Alaska - District) - I saw one boy coming around the end of the cement coal-shed, to go up the engine room steps to the tower. I turned right around and came up again. Jumped up, in to the tower, met Miller on the engine-room step. (Miller) "What's the matter, forgot some mail"? (Hicks) "Yes, a letter". I passed it off that way. There was one boy. This was in the morning about 8 o'clock. I don't know where he was. He was running from the concrete house over to the tower. I think his name was Brown.

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| LEGAL RESIDENCE. |
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| Washington |

## STATUS

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| 2nd Asst. Kpr., New Dungeness L.S. Wash. | $540. | L.H. | Apr. 27, 1911. |
| Asst. Kpr. Turn Point L.S. Wash | $600. | " | Nov. 27. 1911 |
| " Patos Isl. L.S. " | $600. | " | Jan. 1, 1913 |
| 1st Asst. Kpr., Grays Harbor L.S. Wash | $600. | " | Aug. 17, 1914 |
| " " " Los Angeles Har. etc L.S. Cal | $600. | " | Oct. 9. 1915 |
| " " " " " " " " | $648. | " | Jan. 4, 1916 |
| " " " Mile Rocks L.S. Cal. | $648. | " | Nov. 24, 1916 |
| Keeper. " " " " | $840. | " | Feby 10, 1917 |
| " Inverness " | 1140 | " | Nov 4, 1918 |
| ~~" Southampton Shoal L.S. Cal.~~ | ~~$900~~ | " | Canceled. |
| Asst. Depot Keeper Goat Isl L.H. Dept | $1140 | " | June 16, 1920 |
| " " " " " " " | 1380 | " | July 1, 1920 |
| Keeper (Trans) Pt. Reyes L.H. Cal. | 1080 | " | Feb. 23, 1921 |

Dismissed & Close Mar. 6, 1923.

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Form 73 R.

**ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAY 25 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 24 1911 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, May 18, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAY 25 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed, Probationary appointment of**

Name, William H. Hicks Legal residence, Washington.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper Salary, $540.00 per annum.

Location, New Dungeness Light-Station, Washington.

Effective April 27, 1911, ~~xxx~~ the actual date of entrance on duty.

**Former position,** Former salary,

Location,

**Rank in list of eligibles,** No. 1 Rating, Ass't K'p'r Percentage, 94.80

Other eligibles considered, Louis Huet and Charles T. Olsen.

**Letters of declination inclosed,** Louis Huet.

**Previous incumbent,** Samuel B. Morris. Services terminated, April 12, 1911.

Reason, Promotion. requested of Apr 13.11

**Remarks:**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO MAY 25 1911 APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 24 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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+ two papers

Sent declination

Acting Commissioner

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

May 25, 1911.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, Second Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness Light Station, Washington, in the Lighthouse Service, at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning April 27, 1911, on and after which date you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Retention in the service after the expiration of your probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Vice Samuel B. Morris.)
(Civil-service certificate No. ——)

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C. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED.

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MAY 27 1911

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

H. Gordon Cummings
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Appropriation:
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Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JUN 19 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, WILLIAM H. HICKS

do solemnly [a] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD.

William H. Hicks
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, A. D. 1911.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) C. S. Bird

(Official title:) Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Dungeness.

| Official Title. | Pay. | Name of Station. | State or Country in which born. | State or Territory from which last appointed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Second Ass't Keeper | $540 per yr. | New Dungeness Lt-Station, Wash. | England | Washington. |

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector, 17th Light-House District,

PORTLAND, OREGON. (Address.), June 14, 1911. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 27, 1911. (Date.)

CARDED.

(Signed:) [signature]

Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector.

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
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# PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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## Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

*May 15, 1909.*

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**To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:**

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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Charles Nagel
Secretary.

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## PART I.

**(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)**

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.)
Mr William Henry Hicks

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

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)
Dungeness. (City or town.) Washington (State or Territory.) Clallam (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? England

6. When were you born? Sept (Month.) 15 (Day.) 1865 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No.

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

My Wife Mrs Ida B. Hicks — Name. — Number and street.

Dungeness. — City or town. — Wash. — State or Territory.

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

| Name. | Relationship. | Department. | Bureau or Service. | Position. |
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| | None | | | |
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10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Asst Keeper Light House Service Dated March 9—1911

11. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

None

12. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

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14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

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| None | | | |
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16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Steam Engineering. Gasoline Launches. Electric Lighting.
Steam Boating. Fireman at Sea. Mate on Barges.
Quarter Master on Steam Ships. Seaman on Sailing Ships

## PART II.

**(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.**

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

Lighthouse Service. (Bureau or Service.) New Dungeness Lt-Sta., Wash. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) 17th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. May 25, 1911.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

April 27, 1911.

5. State the date of the oath. June 9, 1911.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. April 27, 1911.

7. What is his salary? Five hundred and forty dollars per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive.

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed through examination for Ass't Keeper, Lighthouse Service.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Aug. 10, 1906, Tacoma, Wash.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N., Inspector.

Date: June 14, 1911., 19

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

# Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
JUL 18 1911
17th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

## EFFICIENCY REPORT

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Hicks, Wm. H. 2. Age 46 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse 4. Position 2nd Asst Keeper

5. Compensation $540.00 6. Where employed New Dungeness L.S

7. When appointed (*a*) Apl 27, 1911 8. How appointed (*b*) This C. S. Exam

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Class Comp.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? - If so, state the amount -

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Usual duties of position

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

| | Averages. | Relative weights. | Products of averages multiplied by weights. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quantity of work | 100 | 2 | 200 |
| Quality of work | 100 | 3 | 300 |
| Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17) | 100 | 3 | 300 |
| Attendance | 100 | 2 | 200 |
| Total | | 10 | 1000 |
| Average percentage | | | 100 |

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
JUL 25 1911
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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

| 1908. | | | 1909. | | | 1910. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Annual. | Sick. | Without pay. | Annual. | Sick. | Without pay. | Annual. | Sick. | Without pay. |
| | | | | | | | | |

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.)

No. Works overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.)

Fair equivalent.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

R. C. Clark

Chief Clerk.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

Henry L. Beck

Inspector

G. P. Putnam

*Chief of Bureau or Office.*

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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED DEC 7 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th. DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon, December 1, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED DEC 7- 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed,** Transfer and promotion

Name, William H. Hicks Ef 100. Legal residence, Washington

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $600.00 per annum

Location, Turn Point Light Station, Washington

Effective November 27, 1911 the actual date of entrance on duty.

**Former position,** Second Assistant Keeper Former salary, $540.00

Location, New Dungeness Light Station, Washington,

**Rank in list of eligibles,** Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

**Letters of declination inclosed,**

**Previous incumbent,** Louis A. Borchers Jr. Services terminated, November 26, 1911

Reason, Held temporary appointment only. – Nov 1 – 1 mo.

**Remarks:** Payable from Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO DEC 7 - 1911 APPOINTMENTS

Henry L. Beck

Inspector.

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## Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEC 6 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN DEC 7 - 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

December 7, 1911.

Mr. William H. Hicks,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

effective November 27, 1911, on and after which date

you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer and promotion from second assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

CARDED

CHANGE REPORTED
DEC -- 1911
U. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Louis A. Borchers, Jr.
Legal Residence: Washington.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
DEC 8- 1911
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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Form 111

RECEIVED JAN 3 1912 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JAN 2 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

## Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, WILLIAM H. HICKS

do solemnly[1] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

William H. Hicks
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 28th day of December, A. D. 1911

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Fred St McMullin

(Official title) Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, Residing at Roche Harbor

| Official Title. | Rate of Pay. | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment. |
|---|---|---|
| Ass't Keeper. | $600 per an. | Turn Point Light Station, Wash. |

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 17th District

Portland, Oregon, (Address.) December 26, 1911. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 27, 1911. (Date.)

CARDED.

Henry L. Beck
(Signature, followed by title.)
Inspector.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JAN 3 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Form 73a

**REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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**Department of Commerce and Labor**
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon, January 3 , 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on the date stated: January 1, 1913.

Name, William H. Hicks Position, Assistant Keeper $600

From Turn Point Light Station Wash To Patos Island Light Station. Wash.

Previous incumbent, Guy C. Martin

Services terminated, December 31,1912. Reason, His own request.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 9 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JAN 10 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO JAN 10 1913 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Burk
Inspector.

APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JAN 10 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

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**Department of Commerce and Labor**
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 9 1913

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Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

CARDED.

J S Conway

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JAN 10 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 17 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City.) August 12 (Date.), 1914

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK AUG 17 1914

**Action recommended,** Transfer at his own request.

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, Washington

Position, First Assistant Keeper — Salary, $600

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN AUG 17 1914 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Location, Grays Harbor Light Station, Wash. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective August ~~16~~ 17, 1914 { [redacted], or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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**Former position,** Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $600

Location, Patos Island Light Station, Wash.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Otto Heins — Services terminated, August ~~15~~ 16, 1914

Reason, Transferred to West Point Light Station, Wash.

**Relatives in Government Service,**

**Remarks:**

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

Beck

Secretary, Civil Service District — Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

AUG 17 1914

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1914.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~First Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per ~~annum~~,

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

(By transfer from assistant keeper at $600 per annum.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 17 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Otto Heins.

Legal Residence: Washington.

CHANGE REPORTED AUG 1914 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

# Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 4 1914 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK SEP 21 1914

MENTS SEP 21 1914

I, William H. Hicks,

do solemnly[1] Swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

☞ William H. Hicks
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 27 day of August, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Geo N Scammon

(Official title) Notary Public

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present 1st. Asst. Kpr. | $600 | Grays Harbor Light Station, Wash. |
| Former[5] Asst. Kpr. | $600 | Patos Island Light Station, Wash. |

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 17th District

Portland, Oregon (Address), August 29, 1914 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 17, 1914. (Date)

Henry L Beck
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 73a

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**REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 7 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon, August 31, 1915.

CHIEF CLERK SEP 13 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about Sept. 16, 1915. $600

Name, William H. Hicks. Position, First Assistant Keeper.

From Grays Harbor, Wash. To Los Angeles Harbor, Cal. etc L.S.

APPOINTMENTS SEP 13 1915

Previous incumbent, George Stinson.

Services terminated, Sept. 15, 1915. Reason, Transfer of Mr. Stinson to position now occupied by Mr. Hicks. Written request of the latter for transfer as above was forwarded to the Inspector, 18th District, Aug. 26, 1915. Transfer is agreeable to the Inspector, 18th District, as per Forms 73a herewith. All expenses of change to be borne by Messrs. Hicks and Stinson.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

R. C. Clark

Chief Clerk.

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

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 14 1915

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SEP 11 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. Conway

*Acting Commissioner*

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon, August 31 1915.

LIGHT OCT 25 1915 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK OCT 26 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about Sept. 16, 1915.

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Name, William H. Hicks Position, First Assistant Keeper.

From Grays Harbor, Wash. To Los Angeles Harbor, Cal.

APPOINTMENTS OCT 26 1915

Previous incumbent, George Stinson.

Services terminated, Sept. 15, 1915. Reason, Transfer of Mr. Stinson to position now occupied by Mr. Hicks. Written request of the latter for transfer as above was forwarded to the Inspector, 16th District, Aug. 26, 1915. Transfer is agreeable to the Inspector, 16th District, as per Forms 73a herewith. All expenses of change to be borne by Messrs. Hicks and Stinson.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

R C Clark

Chief Clerk.

Portland, Oregon, October 20, , 1915.

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with October 9, 1915.

CARDED.

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Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

OCT 25 1915 INSP. DIVISION
APPOINTMENT ENTERED
OCT 26 1915
ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H Gaffney

Acting Commissioner

Form 73

**NOMINATION**

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., December 20, 1915 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Appointment of

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, Washington

Position, First Assistant Keeper — Salary, $648 per annum

Location, Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Lights, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers

Effective January 1, 1916 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Same — Former salary, $600 per annum

Location, Same

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

**Previous incumbent,** Himself — Services terminated, --------

Reason, -------

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** Increase in compensation recommended to comply with pay schedule approved by Bureau telegram of December 17, 1915. It is believed this nominee is deserving of the increase by reason of his efficiency.

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

12-29-15

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

Rhodes.

Inspector

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

DEC 28 1915

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1915.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $600 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 30 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Washington.

COMMERCE REPORTED JAN 1916 C. & COMMISSION.

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Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JAN 25 1916 HOUSES
APPOINTMENTS JAN 29 1916 10,
CHIEF CLERK JAN 29 1916

I, William H. Hicks

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

William H. Hicks
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 15th day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) James G. Sanders

(Official title) NOTARY PUBLIC In and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present 1st Asst. Keeper | $648 per annum | Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Bay Lights, Cal. |
| Former[5] do | $600 per annum | do do |

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., January 20, 1916
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916
(Date)

CARDED.

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 73a

**REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 20 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., November 13, 1916 . 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about November 20, 1916.

CHIEF CLERK NOV 20 1916 5

$648.

Name, William H. Hicks — Position, First Assistant Keeper

From Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Lights, Cal. — To Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal.

Previous incumbent, Lambert R. Willard

Services terminated, about November 19, 1916 — Reason, Transfer & demotion requested

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 20 1916 JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED.

Rhodes.
Inspector

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

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**BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES**

**WASHINGTON**

NOV 18 1916

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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*Acting Commissioner.*

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT DEC 6 1916 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., November 13, 1916 191

CHIEF CLERK DEC 8 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about November 20, 1916.

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Name, William H. Hicks Position, First Assistant Keeper

From Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Lights, Cal. To Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal.

APPOINTMENT DEC 8 1916

Previous incumbent, Lambert R. Willard

Services terminated, about November 19, 1916 Reason, Transfer & demotion

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 9 - 1916 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED.

(Sgd) Rhodes
Inspector

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with November 24, 1916

Rhodes.
Inspector

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

12-8-16

December 6, 1916.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

(COPY)*

CHIEF CLERK FEB 9 1917 5

WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

San Francisco Cal Feb 8 1917

CHIEF CLERK FEB 9 1917

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington

Request reinstatement and promotion William H Hicks keeper Mile Rocks eight forty annum effective tenth or entrance His resignation effective close January twenty eight in mail Hanson resigns

(Signed) Rhodes

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 10 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE McC

APPOINTMENT FEB 9 1917

Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 9, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that authority be granted to assign William H. Hicks as keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $840 per annum, for duty at the Mile Rocks Light Station, California, effective beginning February 10, 1917, it being understood that the present incumbent of this position has tendered his resignation.

Appropriate action will be taken by the Bureau as to Hicks' status for the period from the beginning of January 29th to the date of his assignment as keeper, herein recommended, upon receipt of his resignation, which is stated is now in the mails.

Formal appointment may be issued by the Department upon receipt of the usual nomination, and after acceptance of the resignation of Robert W. Hanson. Keeper

2-9-17

Acting Commissioner

February 9, 1917.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

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February 10, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 9th instant, the Department hereby grants authority for the assignment of William H. Hicks to duty as keeper of Mile Rocks Light Station, California, at $840 per annum, vice Robert W. Hanson, who, it is reported, has resigned. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Hicks upon receipt of nomination and subsequent to the Department's action on the resignation of Mr. Hanson.

[SIGNED] E. F. SWEET.

Assistant Secretary.

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., February 8, 1917 191
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 14 1917

CHIEF CLERK FEB 17 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** ~~Reinstatement &~~ promotion of

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, California

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective February 10, 1917 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** First Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $648 per annum

Location, Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal. (Resigned January 28, 1917)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 17 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

**Previous incumbent,** Robert W. Hanson — Services terminated, February 7, 1917

Reason, Resignation

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** Submitted in accordance with telegram of this date.

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

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

*Secretary, Civil Service District.*

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Attention is invited to Department letter of February 10, 1917, authorizing the assignment of Hicks to duty.

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Acting Commissioner.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1917.

Mr. William H. Hicks,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective February 10, 1917, or as soon thereafter as you entered on duty.

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $648 per annum.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 17 1917 DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert W. Hanson.

Legal Residence: Washington.

ORDER REPORTED FEB 1917 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK
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I, William H.Hicks

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ William. H. Hicks.
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 20th day of February, A. D. 1917

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) C. H. Thompson,

(Official title) Clerk, 18th Lighthouse District.

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment |
|---|---|---|
| Present Keeper | $840 per annum | Mile Rocks Light Station, Cal. |
| Former Promotion. Reinstated - formerly 1st Asst.Kpr | 648 per annum | Mile Rocks Light Station, Cal. |

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

CARDED.

San Francisco, Cal. (Address), February 26, 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 10, 1917. (Date)

H.W.Rhodes. Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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MAR 7 - 1917

June 12, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 29th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 9th instant, relative to the status of the personnel of Mile Rocks Light Station, California, during the period from January 29 to February 9, 1917, inclusive.

As the records now stand, Vincent N. Smith and John H. Walters both occupied the position of second assistant keeper of the above-mentioned station during the period referred to, due to the fact that the resignation of William H. Hicks, tendered to take effect at the close of January 28, was withdrawn and he was appointed on February 10, 1917, to the position of keeper, vice Robert W. Hudson, who resigned at the close of February 7, 1917. Under the circumstances the arrangement suggested by the Inspector appears to be the only practicable means of adjustment at this time, and the Department therefore grants leave without pay to Mr. Hicks as first assistant keeper at $648 per annum for the period from January 28 to February 9, 1917, inclusive.

It is noted that the difference between the rate of pay as first assistant keeper and second assistant keeper, for the period from January 29 to February 9, 1917, inclusive, will be deducted from Mr. Smith's salary on the payroll for the month of May.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 13 1917 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED. FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 5-16-17 IN FILE OF V N Smith

(SIGNED) E. T. CHEE. Assistant Secretary.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 30 1916

# RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Hicks, William Henry

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

18th Lighthouse District.

4. Designation of position:

First Assistant Keeper.

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

See 4.

6. Annual earnings:

$624.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 540. PA.

10. Total length of service (give the total of **ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE** with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Years: 5

Months: 2½

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

England.

12. Race:

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13. Sex:

Male.

14. Date of birth—

Month: Septamber

Year: 1865.

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

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16. Marital condition:

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17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 2 Washington

County: Clallam.

19. Civil service status:

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20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

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21. Place of employment—

City: (LosAngeles Hbr.Lt.Sta) San Pedro.

State: California.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1918.

M. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $1140 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Sir:

Referring to report of your rescue from drowning on February 1, 1919, of three young men, whose canoe capsized near the Mile Rocks Light Station, California, two of whom were being carried out to sea with a strong ebb tide, the Department heartily commends you for the service rendered on the occasion referred to, which it is understood was attended with considerable personal risk. This commendation will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully, 1919 FEB 21 AM 9 11

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. W.H. Hicks,
Keeper, Mile Rocks Light Station, Cal.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Mailed FEB 20 1919 by

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Form 73 AMG

**NOMINATION**

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 4, 1920
(City.) (Date.)

1920 JUN 14 AM 9 13

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, (Washington) California

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900.00 p.a. (includes $60.00 longevity)

Location, Southampton Shoal Light Station Calif. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

Effective June 16, 1920 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Keeper — Former salary, $1140. p.a. (includes $60.00 longevity)

Location, Mile Rocks Light Station Calif.

APPOINTMENTS 1920 JUN 14 AM 10 03

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

**Previous incumbent,** Edwin F. Gunter — Services terminated, Apr. 30, 1920

Reason, Died not reported.

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** Letter from Hicks stating he will accept transfer even at the reduced salary, dated June 4, 1920, is enclosed.

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

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H. W. Rhodes.

*Secretary, Civil Service District.* — Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. JUN 11 1920

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 14 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT
JUN -4 1920
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

San Francisco Cal.
June. 4 – 1920.

Supt of Lighthouses
18th Dist. S. F. Cal.

Sir:-

I will cheerfully accept Southampton Shoals. Light Station as Keeper. and the Reduction in Salary

very Respectfully

H A Hicks
Keeper Mile Rocks.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1920.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140. per annum to $900. per annum, effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUN 16 1920

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 11, 1920

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to enclosed Form 73, nominating William H. Hicks for the position of Assistant Depot Keeper at Goat Island Lighthouse Depot, effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

2. In view of this nomination, it is requested that Form 73, dated June 4, 1920, nominating William H. Hicks for the position of Keeper at Southampton Shoal Light Station be canceled.

H. W. Rhodes.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION BUREAU OF JUN 21 1920 ENTRY JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

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Form 73 AMG

**NOMINATION**

LIGHT JUN 16 1920 HOUSES

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 11, 19 20
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer and promotion

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, (Wash. California)

Position, Assistant Depot Keeper — Salary, $1140.00 p.a.

Location, Goat Island Lighthouse Depot Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Service

Effective June ~~16~~ 17, 1920 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Keeper — Former salary, $1140. p.a. (includes $60.00 longevity)

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Location, Mile Rocks Light Station Cal.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Allen E. Campbell — Services terminated, May 31, 1920

Reason, Resigned

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:**

JOS 6/17/20 Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 18 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. W. Rhodes.

*Secretary, Civil Service District.* Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON June 17, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is 18th Superintendent's letter of June 11, requesting that nomination of June 4, for appointment of Hicks as keeper at Southampton Shoal Light Station be canceled.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1920.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Assistant Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective June 17, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

(By transfer from lighthouse keeper at $1140. per annum.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 18 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Allen E. Campbell.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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Form 111 [ ]

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

CHIEF CLERK

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUL 9 1920

RECEIVED SUPERINTENDENT JUL 11 1920 SAN FRANCISCO

I, William H. Hicks

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

William H. Hicks
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 9th day of June, A. D. 19 20

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) F. T. Marriner

(Official title) Master U. S. Lighthouse Service

My commission expires

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment. |
|---|---|---|
| Present Asst. Depot Keeper | $1140. p.a. | Goat Island Lighthouse Depot |
| Former [5] Keeper | 1140. p.a. | Mile Rocks Light Station |

CARDED

REPORT DATA ENTERED

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., July 3, 1920
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 16, 1920
(Date)

H. W. Rhodes
Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Signature, Lighthouse Service)

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 22, 1920.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of June 14, 1920, informing William H. Hicks that his salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service had been changed from $1140.00 per annum to $900.00 per annum (including $60.00 longevity), effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he entered on duty.

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2. The original and carbon copies of Department letter referred to above are returned herewith for cancellation as Mr. Hicks did not enter on duty as keeper with pay at the rate of $900.00 per annum.

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3. The Bureau's attention is invited to Form 73 from this office, dated June 11, 1920, nominating Mr. Hicks for the position of Assistant Depot Keeper, Goat Island Lighthouse Depot, effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

H. W. Rhodes.

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 30 1920

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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Acting Commissioner

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1920.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1140. per annum to $900. per annum, effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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SUPERINTENDENT JUN 29 1920 SAN FRANCISCO

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1920.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1140. per annum to $900. per annum, effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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,

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

SUPERINTENDENT JUL 23 1920 SAN FRANCISCO

June 26, 1920

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LIGHT JUL 20 1920 HOUSES

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of June 17, 1920, appointing William H. Hicks to the position of Assistant Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $1140.00 per annum, effective June 17, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he entered upon duty.

2. The above letter is returned, in duplicate, for correction. Mr. Hicks entered upon duty in the position of Assistant Depot Keeper on June 16, 1920. Attention is invited to Form 73 from this office dated June 11, 1920, recommending that the appointment of Hicks to the position of Assistant Depot Keeper become effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he entered upon duty.

H. W. Rhodes.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUL 27 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JEH-Hol. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1920.
Inclosure.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif. Your nomination (Form 73) dated June 11, 1920 was not received in the Bureau in sufficient time to allow of Department approval of Hick's transfer effective June 16, 1920, and if it was necessary to place him on duty prior to date of Department approval you are requested to state the emergency as required by the Regs.1918, Art. 406. In future when submitting nominations, where an emergency does not exist, it is desired that sufficient time be allowed, in order that action may be taken by the Bureau and the Department prior to the date of entrance on duty.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
San Francisco, California
July 15, 1920

1. Returned to Commissioner. It was necessary to assign Hick's to duty on June 16, 1920, prior to receiving Department approval as such action was considered necessary for the saving of life and property.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 20 1920

H. W. Rhodes.

7-22-20

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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Conway
Acting Commissioner

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1920.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Assistant Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $1380 per annum, effective July 1, 1920.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 7/13/20
IN FILE 1088/18

Form 73 -AMG

**NOMINATION**

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, California (City.) Feb. 28 (Date.), 1921

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Transfer

Name, William H. Hicks

Position, Keeper

Location, Pt. Reyes Light Station Cal

Effective Feb. 23,1921

Legal residence, California

Salary, $1080. p.a. (includes $60. p.a. longevity)

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers

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

**Former position,** Assistant Depot Keeper

Location, Goat Island Lighthouse Depot. Cal

Former salary, $1380. p.a.

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

**Previous incumbent,** Paulus Nilsson

Services terminated, Feb. 21,1921

Reason, Died

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** Born - Sept.15,1865 - Emergency case in accordance with Circular No.313- Necessary for the saving of life and property.
Hicks was transferred from the position of Keeper of Mile Rocks Light Station to Assistant Depot Keeper effective June 16,1920 and has served in the latter position continuously from that date. Enclosed is letter from Hicks dated Feb.21st stating he will accept transfer even at reduction in salary.

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

3/9/21.

H. W. Rhodes.

*Secretary, Civil Service District.* **Superintendent of Lighthouses**

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON MAR 7 - 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
FEB 28 1921
SAN FRANCISCO

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Goat Island Buoy Depot
(Station, Depot or Vessel.)

Feb 24, 1921

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LIGHTHOUSES

Supt of Lighthouses
San Francisco. Cal.
Sir.

I. Respectfully request Transfer to Point Reyes.
St. Station as Keeper-even at Reduction of Salary.

Respectfully.
H H Hicks
Asst Depot Keeper

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1921.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of One Thousand and Eighty dollars per annum, effective February 23, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

(By transfer from Assistant Depot Keeper at $1380 per annum).

CARDED

MAR 10 1921

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Paulus Nilsson.

Legal Residence: California.

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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Form 111

**OATH OF OFFICE**

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE FEB 28 1921 SAN FRANCISCO

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William H. Hicks

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

1921 MAR 11 AM 11 00

William H. Hicks
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 25th day of February, A. D. 19 21

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) F. G. Manning

(*Official title*) Master, Lighthouse Tender MADRONO

~~My commission expires~~

| Official Title | Rate of Pay | Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment. |
|---|---|---|
| Present Keeper | $1080. p.a. | Point Reyes Light Station, California |
| Former [5] Assistant Depot Keeper | 1380. p.a. | Goat Island Lighthouse Depot, California |

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 18th District

CARDED

San Francisco, California (Address) February 28, 1921 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 23, 1921 (Date)

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 10 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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W. H. HICKS, Charges against

April 2, 1923.

CIVIL CLERK
1923 APR 10 PM 4 10

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges of unfaithful performance of duty preferred against W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Point Reyes Light Station, on March 27th, which have been returned by the First Assistant Keeper with the statement that Mr. Hicks is not on the station and that his present address is unknown.

2. Hicks' desertion from his post of duty is the culmination of a long period of misconduct which had recently been reported to this Office and which was under investigation at the time Hicks left the station.

3. It is recommended that Hicks be discharged from the Service for unfaithful performance of duty, his dismissal to date from the close of March 6th.

4. Hicks had been paid for his services to the close of February 28th, inclusive, and had not taken leave in excess of the amount accrued.

H. W. Rhodes.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
APR 13 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. April 10, 1923.
Inclosures.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that William H. Hicks, Keeper at Point Reyes Light Station be dismissed, effective at the close of March 6, 1923, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent. Inclosed is copy of letter of January 11, 1923 and charges of March 27, 1923 preferred against the keeper. The action recommended, if approved, will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations.

2. It is further recommended that Winfred R. Kane, (First Assistant) Keeper at Point Cabrillo Light Station be transferred and promoted to the position of keeper at Point Reyes Light Station, vice William H. Hicks, and that notice of appointment be issued therefor.

S. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
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ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
Jan. 11, 1923.

Keeper, Pt. Reyes Light Station:

1. It has been reported to this Office that the area of the rain shed discharging into the pipe leading to the stock cistern is not sufficient to fill that cistern with the average rainfall of any one year, and that formerly the cistern was supplied in part by pipes from the roof of the double dwelling. You are directed to report explicitly, fully, and carefully on this matter, including in your report a description of any connections which formerly existed between the roof or other cisterns at the double dwelling with the stock tank.

2. You are further directed to report if it is feasible to dam up the rain shed with sand bags in such a manner as to divert a portion of the water to the pipes supplying the stock tank, and in case such a diversion is feasible, if any dam has been made to divert water in that manner during the present season.

3. Considerable evidence is being furnished this Office of animosity on your part toward the Weather Bureau Observer and the 2nd Assistant Keeper at your station, and you are again directed to be very careful that you treat both of these men courteously and in such a manner as to produce harmony on the station, and you are warned that any violation of these instructions will be the basis of very severe action at the time of the next investigation at your station.

4. Your action in failing to remove the lock from the barn at your station as directed in my letter of December 22nd, and as reported in your letter of January 1st, shows an inclination on your part to avoid carrying out the explicit instructions of this Office, and while your action in leaving the lock on the barn was approved by my letter of January 5th, in view of the fact that Mr. Smith had removed his buggy from the barn, you are advised that any further failure on your part to carry out explicitly and fully the instructions of this Office will result in your immediate suspension from duty and a recommendation for your dismissal from the Service. You have been warned in the past that your conduct in stirring up strife and discontent at your station could no longer be condoned, and another failure on your part to carry out previous instructions to promote peace and harmony on the station cannot be condoned.

(Signed) H. W. RHODES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Mar. 27, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
MAR -2 1923
SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. W. H. Hicks, Keeper,
Point Reyes Light Station.

1. You are hereby charged with unfaithful performance of duty, in that on March 7th you failed to report for duty upon the termination of an authorized leave of absence of five days from your post of duty as Keeper at the Point Reyes Light Station.

2. It further appears that you failed to notify this Office of your intention to permanently leave the station and the Service, thereby causing serious inconvenience to the Service and leaving the station shorthanded, in charge of assistant keepers not thoroughly conversant with the operation of the station.

3. You are directed to submit in writing within three days such reply as you may desire to make to these charges.

H. W. Rhodes.

Superintendent.

Returned this day, March 31st 1923., to the Superintendent 18th District, for the reason that Mr. W. H. Hicks is not on the station and that his present address is not known.

G. W. Jaehne, 1st assistant.
(acting Keeper, Point Reyes Lightstation)

April 13, 1923.

Sir:

Charges of unfaithful performance of duty having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Point Reyes Light Station, California, at $1080 per annum, effective at the close of March 6, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William H. Hicks,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 13 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 73 R.

**ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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**Department of Commerce and Labor**
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th District.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 24 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Portland, Oregon, May 18, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed,** Probationary appointment of

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, Washington.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $540.00 per annum.

Location, New Dungeness Light-Station, Washington.

Effective April 27, 1911, ~~xxx~~ the actual date of entrance on duty.

**Former position,** — Former salary,

Location,

**Rank in list of eligibles,** No.1 — Rating, Ass't K'p'r — Percentage, 94.80

Other eligibles considered, Louis Huet and Charles T. Olsen.

**Letters of declination inclosed,** Louis Huet.

**Previous incumbent,** Samuel B. Morris. — Services terminated, April 12, 1911.

Reason, Promotion.

**Remarks:**

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

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One inclosure

**Department of Commerce and Labor**
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 24 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

HSB

Offer of position
to eligible.

May 24, 1911.

The Inspector of

The Seventeenth Lighthouse District,

Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

1. It is noted that in certain nominations for probationary appointment received from your office recently no statement was made as to whether the eligibles with whom the nominee was considered accepted the offer of the position, declined the same, or failed to reply to the Inspector's letter. A case in point is the nomination for probationary appointment of William H. Hicks to be second assistant keeper of New Dungeness Light-Station, Washington - no statement being made concerning the other eligibles considered, Messrs. Huet and Olsen.

2. Your attention is invited to circular letter issued by this office on August 17, 1909, concerning the offer of positions to eligibles, and you are requested to observe infuture the directions contained therein with reference to statement regarding eligibles considered.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

May 25, 1911.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness Light Station, Washington,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning April 27, 1911, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Retention in the service after the expiration of your probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Civil-service certificate No. (Vice Samuel B. Morris.))

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Mr. William H. Hicks,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses. Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation:

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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th. DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, December 1 . 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

**Action proposed,** Transfer and promotion

Name, William H. Hicks Legal residence, Washington

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $600.00 per annum

Location, Turn Point Light Station, Washington

Effective November 27, 1911 mm the actual date of entrance on duty.

**Former position,** Second Assistant Keeper Former salary, $540.00

Location, New Dungeness Light Station, Washington,

**Rank in list of eligibles,** Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

**Letters of declination inclosed,**

**Previous incumbent,** Louis A. Borchers Jr. Services terminated, November 26, 1911

Reason, Held temporary appointment only.

**Remarks:** Payable from Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Henry L. Beck
Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 6 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

December 7, 1911.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Six Hundred~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective ~~November 27, 1911~~, on and after which date

you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer and promotion from second assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING

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Acting Chief Clerk.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Louis A. Borchers, Jr.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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Form 73a

# REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES RCH/GC JAN 9 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

## Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon, January 3, 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee has been transferred as indicated, and entered upon duty at his new station on ~~the date stated~~: January 1, 1913.

Name, William H. Hicks — Position, Assistant Keeper

From Turn Point Light Station — To Patos Island Light Station.

Previous incumbent, Guy C. Martin

Services terminated, December 31, 1912. — Reason, His own request.

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Inspector.

11—4598

## Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 9 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

C
Acting Commissioner

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
JUL 18 1911
17TH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

# Department of Commerce and Labor

## EFFICIENCY REPORT

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Hicks, Wm. H. 2. Age 46 (Last birthday.)
3. Bureau Lighthouse 4. Position 2nd Asst Keeper
5. Compensation $540.00 6. Where employed New Dungeness L.S
7. When appointed (*a*) Apl 27, 1911 8. How appointed (*b*) This C. S. Exam
9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Class Comp.
10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
11. Does the employee receive a pension? - If so, state the amount -
12. Other Government service None
13. Duties (describe fully) Usual duties of position
14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them
15. Efficiency (*d*):

| | Averages. | Relative weights. | Products of averages multiplied by weights. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quantity of work | 100 | 2 | 200 |
| Quality of work | 100 | 3 | 300 |
| Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17) | 100 | 3 | 300 |
| Attendance | 100 | 2 | 200 |
| Total | | 10 | 1000 |
| Average percentage | | | 100 |

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

LIGHT AUG17 1914 HOUSES

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
## LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon (City.) August 12 (Date.), 1914

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended, Transfer at his own request.**

Name, **William H. Hicks** Legal residence, **Washington**

Position, **First Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$600**

Location, **Grays Harbor Light Station, Wash.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **August ~~16~~ 17, 1914** ~~that actual date of assumption of duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** **Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$600**

Location, **Patos Island Light Station, Wash.**

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

**Previous incumbent,** ✓ **Otto Heins** Services terminated, **August ~~15~~ 16, 1914**

Reason, **Transferred to West Point Light Station, Wash.**

**Relatives in Government Service,**

**Remarks:**

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District

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**Inspector.**

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 17 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
AUG19 1914
HOUSES

August 17, 1914.

Mr. William H. Hicks,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from assistant keeper at $600 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Otto Heins.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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AUG 19 1914

COD Aug 17, 1914. JK

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 7 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon, August 31 , 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about Sept. 16, 1915.

Name, William H. Hicks Position, First Assistant Keeper.

From Grays Harbor, Wash. To Los Angeles Harbor, Wash.

Previous incumbent, George Stinson.

Services terminated, Sept. 15, 1915. Reason, Transfer of Mr. Stinson to position now occupied by Mr. Hicks. Written request of the latter for transfer as above was forwarded to the Inspector, 18th District, Aug. 26, 1915. Transfer is agreeable to the Inspector, 18th District, as per Forms 73a herewith. All expenses of change to be borne by Messrs. Hicks and Stinson.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

R C Clark

Chief Clerk.

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SEP 11 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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*Acting Commissioner.*

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT OCT 25 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon, August 31, 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about Sept. 16, 1915.

Name, William H. Hicks — Position, First Assistant Keeper.

From Grays Harbor, Wash. — To Los Angeles Harbor, Cal.

Previous incumbent, George Stinson.

Services terminated, Sept. 15, 1915. Reason, Transfer of Mr. Stinson to position now occupied by Mr. Hicks. Written request of the latter for transfer as above was forwarded to the Inspector, 18th District, Aug. 26, 1915. Transfer is agreeable to the Inspector, 18th District, as per Form 73a herewith. All expenses of change to be borne by Messrs. Hicks and Stinson.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

Chief Clerk.

Portland, Oregon, October 20, 1915.

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with October 9, 1915.

Warnack

Inspector.

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 25 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

*Acting Commissioner.*

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 27 19..
HOUSES

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., December 20, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended,** Appointment of

Name, William H. Hicks — Legal residence, Washington

Position, First Assistant Keeper — Salary, $648 per annum

Location, Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Lights, Cal. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers

Effective January 1, 1916 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position,** Same — Former salary, $600 per annum

Location, Same

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

**Previous incumbent,** Himself — Services terminated, --------

Reason, -------

**Members of family in Government Service,** None

**Remarks:** Increase in compensation recommended to comply with pay schedule approved by Bureau telegram of December 17, 1915. It is believed this nominee is deserving of the increase by reason of his efficiency.

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

Rhodes.

*Secretary, Civil Service District.* **Inspector**

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

C V

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 3 1916
HOUSES

December 30, 1915.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $600 per annum.)

EOD Jan 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Washington.

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Form 73a

HWR-CHT

# REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

LIGHT DEC 6 1916 HOUSES

San Francisco, Cal., November 13, 1916 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about November 20, 1916.

Name, William H. Hicks Position, First Assistant Keeper

From Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Lights, Cal. To Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal.

Previous incumbent, Lambert R. Willard

Services terminated, about November 19, 1916 Reason, Transfer & demotion

(Sgd) Rhodes
Inspector

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with ~~November 24, 1916~~

Rhodes,
Inspector

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1916.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

*Acting Commissioner.*

Form 73a

HWR-CHT

**REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 20
HOUSE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Cal., November 13, 1916 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and enter upon duty at his new station on or about November 20, 1916.

Name, William H. Hicks Position, First Assistant Keeper

From Los Angeles Harbor Lightstation and San Pedro Lights, Cal. To Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal.

Previous incumbent, Lambert R. Willard

Services terminated, about November 19, 1916 Reason, Transfer & demotion

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Inspector

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 18 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

*Acting Commissioner.*

(COPY)*

WESTERN UNION
TELEGRAM

Received 9th 1917

San Francisco Cal Feb 8 1917

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington

Request reinstatement and promotion William H Hicks keeper Mile Rocks eight forty annum effective tenth or entrance His resignation effective close January twenty eight in mail Hanson resigns

(Signed) Rhodes

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 9, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that authority be granted to assign William H. Hicks as keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $840 per annum, for duty at the Mile Rocks Light Station, California, effective beginning February 10, 1917, it being understood that the present incumbent of this position has tendered his resignation.

Appropriate action will be taken by the Bureau as to Hicks' status for the period from the beginning of January 29th to the date of his assignment as keeper, herein recommended, upon receipt of his resignation, which is stated is now in the mails.

Formal appointment may be issued by the Department upon receipt of the usual nomination, and after acceptance of the resignation of Robert W. Hanson.

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Acting Commissioner

Form 1201

| CLASS OF SERVICE | SYMBOL |
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| Day Message | |
| Day Letter | Blue |
| Night Message | Nite |
| Night Letter | N L |

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT


| CLASS OF SERVICE | SYMBOL |
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CHIEF CLERK FEB 9 1917

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

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WASHINGTON

REQUEST REINSTATEMENT AND PROMOTION WILLIAM H HICKS KEEPER MILE ROCKS EIGHT FORTY ANNUM EFFECTIVE TENTH OR ENTRANCE HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE CLOSE JANUARY TWENTY EIGHTH IN MAIL Robt W HANSON RESIGNS

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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

LIGHT FEB 10 1917 HOUSES

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

February 10, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 9th instant, the Department hereby grants authority for the assignment of William H. Hicks to duty as keeper of Mile Rocks Light Station, California, at $840 per annum, vice Robert W. Hanson, who, it is reported, has resigned. A formal appointment will be issued to Mr. Hicks upon receipt of nomination and subsequent to the Department's action on the resignation of Mr. Hanson.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
FEB 12 1917

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To Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco Cal.

for his information, guidance, and files of office. Your form 93 of Feb 5, 1917, (in duple), and resig of Hicks, of Dec 22, 1916 are herewith returned to you, in view of your telegram of Feb 8, 1917.

Acting Commissioner.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
FEB 19 1917
HOUSES

February 17, 1917.

Mr. William H. Hicks,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Eight Hundred and Forty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective February 10, 1917, or as soon thereafter as you entered on duty.

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $648 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Ent'd Feb 10

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Robert W. Hanson.
Legal Residence: Washington.

Ent'd on C. S. Com. Report.

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Form 73

**NOMINATION**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES FEB 14 1917

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 8, 1917, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

**Action recommended, ~~reinstatement &~~ promotion of**

Name, **William H. Hicks** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$840 per annum**

Location, **Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **February 10, 1917** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

**Former position, First Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$648 per annum**

Location, **Mile Rocks Lightstation, Cal. (Resigned January 28, 1917)**

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

**Previous incumbent, Robert W. Hanson** Services terminated, **February 7, 1917**

Reason, **Resignation**

**Members of family in Government Service, None**

**Remarks: Submitted in accordance with telegram of this date.**

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

H. W. Rhodes.

*Secretary, Civil Service District.* **Inspector**

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1917.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

**Attention is invited to Department letter of February 10, 1917, authorizing the assignment of Hicks to duty.**

**Acting Commissioner.**

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

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June 12, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 29th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 9th instant, relative to the status of the personnel of Mile Rocks Light Station, California, during the period from January 29 to February 9, 1917, inclusive.

As the records now stand, Vincent N. Smith and John H. Walters both occupied the position of second assistant keeper of the above-mentioned station during the period referred to, due to the fact that the resignation of William H. Hicks, tendered to take effect at the close of January 28, was withdrawn and he was appointed on February 10, 1917, to the position of keeper, vice Robert W. Hanson, who resigned at the close of February 7, 1917. Under the circumstances the arrangement suggested by the Inspector appears to be the only practicable means of adjustment at this time, and the Department therefore grants leave without pay to Mr. Hicks as first assistant keeper at $648 per annum for the period from January 28 to February 9, 1917, inclusive.

It is noted that the difference between the rate of pay as first assistant keeper and second assistant keeper, for the period from January 29 to February 9, 1917, inclusive, will be deducted from Mr. Smith's salary on the payroll for the month of May.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

JUN 13 1917

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

San Francisco Cal

To Lighthouse Inspector, ..... Be guided accordingly.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

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Acting Commissioner

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Sir:

Referring to report of your rescue from drowning on February 1, 1919, of three young men, whose canoe capsized near the Mile Rocks Light Station, California, two of whom were being carried out to sea with a strong ebb tide, the Department heartily commends you for the service rendered on the occasion referred to, which it is understood was attended with considerable personal risk. This commendation will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Secretary.

Mr. W.H. Hicks,
Keeper, Mile Rocks Light Station, Cal.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Cal.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner. See your report of February 7, 1919.

Chief Clerk.

FEB 20 1919

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Respectfully,

Secretary.

Mr. W.H. Hicks,
Keeper, Mile Rocks Light Station, Cal.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

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Noted F.W.R. 2/13/19.

SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

Subject: W. H. Hicks - Services in saving life

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H.W. Rhodes.

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Lighthouse Inspector
San Francisco, Cal.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District
Mile Rocks
Feb. 3,1919

LIGHT
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Supt. of Lighthouses,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to report that on Sat. Feb. 1-19,3 young men while visiting station in a canoe, capsized in the surf at the rock, and two of them were being carried out to sea with a strong ebbtide, Managed to right the canoe, and with a board for a paddle succeeded in getting to them, and rescued them, in an exhausted condition, brought them to the station and gave them hot coffee and after the turn of the tide got them to shore safe.

Very respectfully,

W. H. HICKS ( Signed)

Keeper

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

June 26, 1920

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of June 17, 1920, appointing William H. Hicks to the position of Assistant Depot Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $1140.00 per annum, effective June 17, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he entered upon duty.

2. The above letter is returned, in duplicate, for correction. Mr. Hicks entered upon duty in the position of Assistant Depot Keeper on June 16, 1920. Attention is invited to Form 73 from this office dated June 11, 1920, recommending that the appointment of Hicks to the position of Assistant Depot Keeper become effective June 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as he entered upon duty.

H. W. Rhodes.

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Inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1920.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif. Your nomination (Form 73) dated June 11, 1920 was not received in the Bureau in sufficient time to allow of Department approval of Hick's transfer effective June 16, 1920, and if it was necessary to place him on duty prior to date of Department approval you are requested to state the emergency as required by the Regs.1918, Art. 406. In future when submitting nominations, where an emergency does not exist, it is desired that sufficient time be allowed, in order that action may be taken by the Bureau and the Department prior to the date of entrance on duty.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 18TH DISTRICT
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March 12, 1923.

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Dismissal - W. H. Hicks.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is enclosed copy of a letter to W. H. Hicks, Keeper, Point Reyes Light Station, dated January 11th, warning him that his conduct was liable to result in his dismissal from the Service.

2. On February 29th the Superintendent made a personal investigation of the trouble among the personnel at Point Reyes Light Station and found that Hicks was mainly responsible therefor.

3. Recently it was brought to the attention of this Office that Hicks had been circulating slanderous gossip about another keeper of the District and this matter was also investigated by the Superintendent. Hicks admitted that he had been circulating the gossip as charged but was unable to submit any proof that there was any truth therein.

To Dept with Ltr. dtd 4/10/23 Copy not returned

4. Hicks was granted leave of absence for five days commencing March 2nd and should have returned to duty at the close of March 6th. The First Assistant Keeper has informed this Office that Hicks notified the Third Assistant Keeper at Point Reyes Light Station that he had "gone for good" and to ship his trunks and baggage, also that he had sold his household effects to the Third Assistant Keeper.

5. Nothing has been heard from Hicks by this Office since he left the station. As he prepared his property records and explained to the First Assistant the manner of making out reports and packed up his personal effects before he left the station, it is clear that Hicks did not intend to return to the station after the termination of his leave of absence.

6. It is recommended that Hicks be dismissed from the Service for failure to report for duty.

7. The Superintendent directed that Hicks be dismissed as recommended in paragraph 6 before he left the Office for an inspection of southern stations.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
March 19, 1923.

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Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, San Francisco, Calif., for copies of charges preferred against Hicks and copies of his reply thereto in accordance with Regs., 1918. In recommending dismissals also include statements relative to political or religious opinions and employee's leave status, as indicated in Bureau letter of February 21 1923. No action will be taken on recommendation of March 10, 1923, for the authorization of position of additional keeper.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

# TELEGRAM — COMMERCIAL CABLES

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RHODES

3/29 we ~~not~~ told 18th to handle this dismissal according to Regs. Hicks, according to Supt, gave ~~this~~ a month + a half notice of intention to resign on Mar 1. When it was not accepted, H took 5 days lve beginning Mar 2. then did not return. On this ground Supt on 3/12 rec. His dismissal for failure to report to duty

Rec. ~~not~~ advise Supt to first clear up Hicks before rec. promotions of others

RP 3/27

Cancel 3/27

RG-EK

Washington D C March 27 1923

Lighthouse Superintendent San Francisco Calif

Action on promotion keepers Point Reyes deferred pending disposition Hicks case accordance Bureau indorsement March nineteen

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Commissioner of Lighthouses

To Dept operator by Jack at 3:50 PM

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Rec. OK to Supt. for dismissal Hicks & promotion of Kane as recommended by Cabrillo keeper with 18th inst. Ltr of 3/26. 4/9

W. H. HICKS, Charges against

April 2, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges of unfaithful performance of duty preferred against W. H. Hicks, Keeper of the Point Reyes Light Station, on March 27th, which have been returned by the First Assistant Keeper with the statement that Mr. Hicks is not on the station and that his present address is unknown.

2. Hicks' desertion from his post of duty is the culmination of a long period of misconduct which had recently been reported to this Office and which was under investigation at the time Hicks left the station.

3. It is recommended that Hicks be discharged from the Service for unfaithful performance of duty, his dismissal to date from the close of March 6th.

4. Hicks had been paid for his services to the close of February 28th, inclusive, and had not taken leave in excess of the amount accrued.

H. W. RHODES

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LCJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. April 10, 1923.

Inclosures.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that William H. Hicks, Keeper at Point Reyes Light Station be dismissed, effective at the close of March 6, 1923, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent. Inclosed is copy of letter of January 11, 1923 and charges of March 27, 1923 preferred against the keeper. The action recommended, if approved, will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1, relative to political or religious opinions of affiliations.

2. It is further recommended that Winfred R. Kane, First Assistant Keeper at Point Cabrillo Light Station be transferred and promoted to the position of keeper at Point Reyes Light Station, vice William H. Hicks, and that notice of appointment be issued therefor.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copies not returned. WCK

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Washington D C April 14 1923

Lighthouse Superintendent San Francisco Calif

Dismissal Hicks and appointment Kane Point Reyes approved

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CONFIRMATION to 18th Superintendent.

Commissioner of Lighthouses

to Dept of Navigation 11:25 a.m. 4/14/23