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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

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

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (VA) 5th dist	From: 1935	To: 1936
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Merritt Hudgins (Name) Va. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION–DISTRICT	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	—	1500	TEMPORARY Pend Cert	L H.	Smith Point L.S. 5th Dist	5-16-35
		LAST DAY OF SERVICE	Feb. 14, 1936			

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MERRITT HUDGINS

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MERRITT HUDGINS

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

Norfolk, Virginia (City), April 12 (Date), 1935

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
Thru District Manager, 4th Civil Service Dist.
Action recommended, Temporary Appointment pending the establishment of an eligible register.

Name, Merritt Hudgins

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper

Location, Smith Point Light Station, Va.

Effective, May 1, 1935

Legal residence, Virginia

Proposed salary, $1500. p.a. exclusive of $60.p.a. for quarters

Proposed range, $1500-1860 "

Appropriation, Sal. Keepers of LH

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

Former position, New employee

Location, -

Former salary, -

Former range, -

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

(Lt.#932)

Previous incumbent and his pay, John E. Midgett/ $1620. p.a. exclusive of $60. p.a. for quarters Services terminated, On or about March 15, 1935

Reason, Transfer to Janes Island Light Station, Md.

Members of family in Government service, Father - retired.
Date of birth - January 27, 1907.

Remarks: Pending establishment of an eligible register and selection therefrom.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Approved , 19 under Sec. 2, Rule VIII, pending establishment of an eligible register.

APR 20 1935

Secretary, 4th Civil Service District.
Wash., D.C.

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved and recommending temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of receipt of a certificate of eligibles.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1935.

M r. Merritt Hudgins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of One Thousand Five Hundred dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty and to continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of the establishment of a register for probational appointment.

Nature of appointment: Temporary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Fourth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: John E. Midgett.

Legal residence: Virginia.

MAY - 7 1935

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1935 11—8657

STANDARD FORM NO. [redacted]
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Bureau, division, or office Lighthouse Service

1. Name in full Merritt Hudgins

2. Legal (voting) residence Virginia, First District, Mathews.
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Virginia Mathews When born? Jan 27, 1907
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

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

9. State special qualifications Five years served in Carpentry.
Complete Trade in Automobile repairing

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

Mr Fillmore Hudgins (Name) Father (Relationship)

Sarah Va (Post office address)

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

Merritt Hudgins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

May 14th 1935 (Date)

Present address Sarah, Va.

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5/16/35

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House of Representatives U. S.
Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries
Washington, D. C.

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 30 1935 NORFOLK, VA.

To 5th

September 26, 1935.

9/27/35 acted.
10/8 note clear
copy to 5th

1935 SEP 27 AM 8:18

LIGHTHOUSES

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Merritt Hudgins, Sunnybank, Virginia, has had several temporary appointments as Lighthouse Keeper. He is now serving at Smith Point as temporary 2nd assistant keeper, pending the eligible register establishment from the examination in August.

May I be advised regarding his prospects for a permanent appointment if the papers have been rated. He is highly endorsed to me, and I would like to assist him in this matter.

Yours very sincerely

S. O. Bland

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.,
September 27, 1935.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W.P. Harman

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

September 27, 1935.

Hon. S. O. Bland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bland:

In reference to your letter of September 26, 1935, in behalf of Mr. Merritt Hudgins, Sunnybank, Virginia, who is interested in obtaining a permanent position of keeper:

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

Very truly yours,

EK

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

October 8, 1935.

Hon. S. O. Bland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bland:

In further reference to your letter of September 26, in the interest of Mr. Merritt Hudgins, Sunnybank, Va., who is understood to be an applicant in the pending civil service examination for lighthouse keeper in the district of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va.:

The papers of the candidates in this examination appear to be still in process of rating, and as soon as that process is completed, Mr. Hudgins will be duly advised by the local civil service office of the rating he attained, it being understood that he submitted his application for that examination. In the event he receives an eligible rating he will be considered for appointment in accordance with civil service rules as vacancies occur.

Very truly yours,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 5-th Supt.

SUBJECT: Letter dated January 31, 1936, from Merritt Hudgins,2d asst.kpr. Smith Point LS,Va.,re rendering assistance in connection drowning two men.

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,February 3, 1936.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, CNorfolk, Va.: C. Mr. Hudgins visited the Bureau last week in connection with a notice he had received from the office of the district manager to the effect that he had been found ineligible in the recent keepers examination in your district. The Bureau informed him of the procedure in connection with his desire to ask for a reconsideration of his case and suggested that he also apply to your office in the matter. As to his above report, it is suggested that your office consider commending him in accordance with the regulations, as the action appears a meritorious one meriting the Superintendent's commendation.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

(COPY)

February 3rd 19
Mathews Va.

Division of Light Houses.
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gross:

Dear Sir. Having had a very bad cold I was unable to get to Norfolk to see Mr. Rebbel as you advised me to do in reference to this matter. Therefore I am forwarding to you my entire experiences since finishing school in 1924.

This information corroborates with my original examination taken, only I have listed a longer length of boat experiences which I did not include before, my time with small boats is a year and six months inclusive of a year and one month with lighthouse boats.

My time employed as a asst. lighthouse keeper is a year and one month. This information was not included in my original examination.

With this I have over a year in two of the necessary experience required by the Civil Service Department. This is an addition to my mechanical ability.

Now if you think that this information is not sufficient, kindly advise me as soon as practicable as to just what else my be necessary. As I am more than anxious to be appointed in the Service as a permanent employee. I like the Service and feel fully cabale of handleing the job as I have already proven with my past and present experience.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Merritt Hudgins
2d Asst. Keeper
Smith Point Light Va

P.S. My present address is Hudgins P,O.Virginia.

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., February 7, 1936.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., together with inclosures for direct action. Mr. Hudgins visited the Bureau recently in connection with the inclosed notice from the district civil service manager to the effect that he had been found ineligible in the recent examination for keeper on account of not meeting the requirements with respect to experience. The Bureau informed him that under the civil service regulations he could request the district civil service office to reconsider the rating given him and it is understood that he would have to make a further detailed statement of his experience together with a corroborative evidence of same.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

LIGHTHOUSES

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

1936 FEB 17 AM 8 39

Name of employee Merritt Hudgins

Designation Assistant Lighthouse Keeper *Compensation* $1500. p.a.

Place of employment Smith Point Light Station, Va.

Last day served February 14, 1936.

Forwarded to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

FEB 25 1936

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

L. M. Hopkins

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(*Official title.*)

Date February 15, 1936

Lighthouse Service, 5th District.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 26 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name of employee Merritt Hudgins

Designation Assistant Lighthouse Keeper *Compensation* $1500. p.a.

Place of employment Smith Point Light Station, Va.

Last day served February 14, 1936.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

L. M. Hopkins

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Official title.)

Lighthouse Service 5th District.
(Bureau or service.)

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

FEB 25 1936

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

CARDED

Date February 15, 1936

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

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 21 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau, division, or office Light house Service

1. Name in full Merritt Hudgins

2. Legal (voting) residence Virginia (State) First District (Congressional District) Mathews (County) , (City or town)

3. Where born? Virginia (State or foreign country) Mathews (City or town) When born? Jan 27, 1907 (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

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

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

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

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

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EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 (3) 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Five years served in Carpentry.
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I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Merritt Hudgins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

May 14th 1935 (Date)

Present address Sarah, Va.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 21 1935
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

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OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce (Department or Establishment) Lighthouse (Bureau or Office)

I, Merritt Hudgins (Name in full, printed or typed), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So HELP ME GOD.

ENTERED ON COMPLETION OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 5/31/35

Merritt Hudgins
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May, A. D. 19 35

at Mathews, (City or place) Virginia (State)

My commission expires July 14, 1937

[SEAL]

Roany C Hudgins
Notary Public

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

CARDED

Position to which appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper

Date of entrance on duty May 16th 1935

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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Nature of appointment: Temporary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Fourth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[illegible] J. GARDNER
MAY -8 1935

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: John E. Midgett.

Legal residence: Virginia.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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MAY 11 1935
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DEPARTMENT

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933 11—8657

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 25 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

1935 APR 22 AM 9:00

Norfolk, Virginia, April 12 (Date) 1935
(City)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 1 1935 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1935 APR 25 PM 3:30 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Thru District Manager, 4th Civil Service Dist.

Action recommended, Temporary Appointment pending the establishment of an eligible register.

Name, Merritt Hudgins

Position, 2nd Asst. Keeper

Location, Smith Point Light Station, Va.

Effective, May 1, 1935

Legal residence, Virginia

Proposed salary, $1500. p.a. exclusive of $60.p.a. for quarters

Proposed range, $1500-1860

Appropriation, Sal. Keepers of LH

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

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Location, -

Former salary, -

Former range, -

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

(Lt.#932)

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Reason, Transfer to Janes Island Light Station, Md.

Members of family in Government service, Father - retired.
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Secretary, 4th Civil Service District.

L. M. Hoptins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Wash., D.C.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1935

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, and recommending temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of receipt of a certificate of eligibles.

THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy.

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Merritt Hudgins

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