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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	
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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
Jeffreys, William		

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 (RI)		
From: 1917	To: 1919	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00058395557

CMRS Search Request Number(s): civilian lighthouse

Attendant Signature:

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Remarks: Archival search 6/18

SCREENING NOTES

- ☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed — RW
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

William Jeffreys

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
New Jersey

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst Kpr. Submarine L.S. R.I.	516	L.K.	Dec 28, 1917
" " Old Orchard Station Me	516	"	June 28, 1918.
Resigned close		July 3, 1918	

INACTIVE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
REC'D JAN 16 1918

LIGHT
JAN 21 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) January 15, 1918 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William Jeffreys

Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $516. per annum

Location, Sakonnet Light Station, R.I.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Entrance on duty, December 28, 1917 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.}

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 25 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION JAN 22 191

Former position, 5

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 79.2 , Other eligibles considered:
Frank W. Payne C. John Schmitt D (Name removed from register)
Louis R. Jackson C.

Previous incumbent, Leonard Fuller

Services terminated, December 21, 1917

Reason, Promoted Dec 22/17

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Assignment to duty on Dec. 28, 1917 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. No. 4 will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. JAN 19 1918 , 191

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 22 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

JAN 22 1918 3 44 PM

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1918.

Mr. William Jeffreys,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leonard Fuller.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 23 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 7 1918

I, William Jeffreys

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.

Wm Jeffreys
(Appointee signs here)

CHIEF CLERK

Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of January, A. D. 191 8.

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(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John P. Taylor.

(Official title) Notary Public.

My commission expires June 30. 1920.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Asst. Keeper	$516. p.a.	Sakonnet Light Station, R. I.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Feby 5, 1918 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 28, 1917 (Date)

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.

Frederick Dept
(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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector 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 lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

CARRIED.

INSPECTOR'S DIST. FEB 4 1918 RECEIVED EVANSVILLE, IND.
LIGHT FEB 7 1918 HOUSE
CHIEF CLERK FEB 7 1918
APPOINTMENTS FEB 7 1918

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

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

(Mr.) Wm Jeffreys.

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

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Light House Service. Sakonnet Light Station. Third.
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel). District.

4. Position to which appointed Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $516.00 P.A.

6. Appropriation from which paid Commerce - Light House Salaries, Keepers & Asst.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Local Civ Service Exam. Sept 1917 Personal application to the Inspector

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

Newark. N. J. Essex 8th (Ward)
City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? New York City.

12. When were you born? March 2nd. 1873
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? not married.

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

Chas. Jeffreys. 13-15 Franklin St.
Name. Number and street.

Newark. N. J.
City or town. State or Territory.

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no member of immediate family

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

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

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

defective eye sight which is corrected by glasses
none other that I know of.

18. 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.) no.

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

19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

no.

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) no.

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

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? no. (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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

23. 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 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Traveling Salesman.

24. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public school & part way High school

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

None.

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

None but above

27. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

yes.

Date, Jan. 30th, 1918.

Witness (in case signature is by mark): Leonard Fuller

(Signature) [signature]

P. O. Address: Newark, N. J.
City or town.
266 Parker Av.
Number and street.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feby 5, 1918

(Signature) Raymond Hawkins

(Official title) Supt.

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Form 2868 JHG

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LIGHT JUN 19 1918 HOUSES

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

JUN 19 1918 2 35 P.M.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. June 18, 1918 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will upon duty at his new station on June 25, 1918

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Name, William Jeffreys Position, Assistant Keeper

From Sakonnet Light Station, R.I. To Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

1918 JUN 20 PM 3 54

Previous incumbent, Robert Boyd

Services terminated, June 24, 1918 Reason, Transferred reg 73a

Mr. Jeffreys entered the service on December 28, 1917 as assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, and has been employed in said position since that date. His transfer is recommended as he is the only employee of District who has applied for said position. The vacancy to which his transfer is proposed, could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Superintendent

, 191

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

6-21-18

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APPOIN. MEN DIVISION ENTERED JUN 21 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 20 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1918 JUN 20 PM 2 45

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a JHC

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JUL 6 1918 11 25 AM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. June 18,1918 .191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will upon duty at his new station on June 25,1918

Name, William Jeffreys — Position, Assistant Keeper $516 p.a.

From Sakonnet Light Station, R.I. — To Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Previous incumbent, Robert Boyd

Services terminated, June 24,1918 — Reason, Transferred

Mr.Jeffreys entered the service on December 28,1917 as assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, and has been employed in said position since that date. His transfer is recommended as he is the only employee of District who has applied for said position. The vacancy to which his transfer is proposed, could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment.
In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Superintendent

Tompkinsville, N. Y., July 5,1918 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with June 28,1918

J. O. Yates

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 8 1918

7-9-18

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner.

Form 93 JHG

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHT JUL 18 1918 HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1918 JUL 15 PM 4 JUL 13 1918 9 13 AM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., July 11, 1918, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William Jeffreys — Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, New Jersey — Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $516.00 per annum

1918 JUL 15 PM

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 3, 1918

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

Remarks:

In the absence and by direction of Superintendent.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON JUL 15 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY MOTION TAKEN JUL 16 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1918 JUL 15 PM 2 59

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

BC

Old Orch. Shoals Sta.
July 12 - 1918.

Mr J. J. Yates.
Inspector 3d Dist.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Dear Sir -

Will you kindly accept my resignation, same to take place at your earliest convinience, or as soon as you can send a man to relieve me.

Respectfully,
Wm J. Griggs.
Asst Keeper.

Approved.
W. J. Eggleston. Keeper

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the chief of bureau, to take effect at the close of business on July 3, 1918.

Bureau Lighthouse Service.
Position Assistant Keeper.
Salary $516 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 16 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) W. S. [illegible]

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William Jeffreys,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CANCELED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

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

(Mr.) Thos Jeffreys.

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

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Oakmont Light Station (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Third (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $516.00 P.A.

6. Appropriation from which paid Commerce - Light Houses Salaries Keepers & Ass'ts

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.) Competitive Exam Dec 26/17 Personal Application to the Inspector.

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

Newark. (City or town.) N.J. (State or Territory.) Essex (County.) 8th. (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Newyork City.

12. When were you born? March (Month.) 2nd. (Day.) 1873. (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Not married.

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

Chas. Jeffreys. (Name.) 13-15 Franklin St. (Number and street.)

Newark. (City or town.) N.J. (State or Territory.)

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no member immediate family

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

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

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

Defective Eyesight which is corrected by glasses.
None other that I know of.

18. 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.) no.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
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19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

no.

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) no.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? no (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
.....	.....	.....	.....
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I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.



Wm Jeffreys.
(Name.)

Assistant Keeper.
(Position.)

Sakonnet Light Station.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Jan. 3rd. 1918.

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

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

none but above

27. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

yes.

Date, Jan. 30th, 1918.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

Leonard Fuller

(Signature) Wm Jeffreys

P. O. Address: Newark
City or town.
266 Parker St.
Number and street.
N. J.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feby 5, 1918

(Signature)

(Official title) Supt

11—1434

7/5/18

Mr. J. T. Yates,
Inspector 3rd. Dist.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir-

The conversation referred to in my letter of July 3rd, was concerning the fact that my people had all been in Germany except myself; we talked of Germany and the travels on my folks over there, and Mr. Epkins remarked that we ought to feel well toward that country, Germany. I said we did not and that I was a "100% American". This apparently aroused his ire, and from that moment his attitude changed toward me. If I started to do work of any kind he would order me violently to stop it and do something else, and while doing something else he

would stand over me threatening, order me to do it differently, or stop entirely and do something else. For instance, when he was showing me how to run the engine, he would be showing me how to oil the cups and bearings and while I was doing it he would take the oil cup violently away from me, and order me up on the ladder to oil the shafting, and upon finishing that order me down again. In this manner he, as stated in my former letter Constantly persecuted me, until I was unable to complete any work that I undertook, and thereby rendered my services of little or no value; and my physical and mental condition became such as to keep me from eating or sleeping. Mr. Ackenfeld tells me I should have remained at the Light House, but had I done so I could not have continued to stand my watches, or do my portion of the work. If ordered back, of course I shall return, regardless of what the

consequences may be.

In quoting Mr. Eptkins remark concerning the American soldiers, it was my belief that said remark constituted a very serious offense on his part. If I am mistaken in this of course I am prepared to take the consequences.

This is as full an explanation of the conditions as they existed during the time I spent at the old orchard Light Station as I feel able to explain,

Respectfully,

Thos Jeffreys.

7/8/18.

Memo for Super -

Re attached letters and testimony of Wm Jeffreys, former asst. Ald Archard Shoalts concerning his charges against Supr Ephens =

The principal charge Jeffreys makes against Ephens amount to "unamericanism" - Jeffreys was directed to write full facts, and in his statement and in his testimony he could give no reason or basis for his charges except that on one occasion Ephins stated that a newspaper item as to the number of american soldiers was "all lies" -

It is rec. that no further action be taken, but that Ephens conduct be observed on every opportunity for any possible indication of disloyalty.

WJL-DG

INTERVIEW of William Jeffreys, Assistant Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal Light Station on July 5, 1918 relative to statements made by him concerning loyalty of William J. Epkens, Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, as contained in Jeffrey's letter of July 3, 1918 and letter without date attached.

William Jeffreys, Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station was interviewed by 1st Assistant Superintendent, Ockenfels as follows:

(Q) Mr. Jeffreys how long have you been employed as Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station?

(A) Since last Friday.

(Q) Where were you employed prior to that date?

(A) Sakonnet Light Station.

(Q) For how long?

(A) About six months.

(Q) How old are you?

(A) Forty-five

(Q) Where were you born?

(A) Born in New York.

(Q) Where were your parents born?

(A) Both in New York.

(Q) Did you ever have any trouble with the Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station while employed at that station?

(A) No sir.

(Q) In your letter of July 3, you stated that Mr. Epkens sounded you out and that it did not take long to inform him that you were a 100% American. What do you mean by being sounded out?

(A) I mean that he talked to me about Germany which brought my folks into the conversation. I said my folks had been in Germany frequently with the exception of myself. He talked about my sister who is a musician who has been there eight years. Went on to say that my brother-in-law had been in Germany. He continued to ask me about my folks being over there. I said my sister had been there eight years, my brother-in-law three or four years, my other sister about one year and other brother about three weeks on a visit. Talked in a general way back and forth.

Talked about music. Mr. Epkens has a phonograph with German music.

(Q) The Keeper has German music on his phonograph?

(A) Year Sir.

(Q) How many pieces?

(A) About a dozen.

(Q) German pieces?

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Newark. N.J.
July. 3/18

Wm. J. Yates.
Inspector 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Dear Sir-

On the evening of my arrival at the Old Orchard Shoals Light Sta. Wm. E. Perkins the Keeper, sounded me out and it didnt take me long to inform him that I was a 100% American. From that moment he systematically persecuted and insulted me, because my views did not coincide with his. On one occassion when he became very insulting, because

did not immediately understand the running of the engine, he came around the engine toward me in a threatening manner, and I started to draw a club which I was carrying concealed for the purpose of defending myself if it became necessary. I think he saw the move and changed his tactics, walking away past me. I am sure that, had I remained there another 48 hours there would have been a serious situation, and as it was I had reached a condition that made it impossible either for me to sleep or eat my meals, and finally made up mind that it was

rest for me to leave, and bring the matter to your attention.

If this man Epkins is a citizen of the United States he is a traitor, and in any case he is unworthy of trust and in my opinion should be in a detention camp, instead of where he is.

From the time of my arrival at the L.S.K., I stood my watches regularly, but after the second night he refused to allow me to sign the watch book.

Just what he is trying to accomplish, I

do not know, but of this I am convinced - that should an opportunity present itself he would prove a dangerous enemy.

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Respectfully,

Wm Jeffreys.

266 Parker St.
Newark. N.J.

Request further info as to dispositions and actions of Helfer

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Old Orchard Shoals Sta.

July 1st 1918

Mr. J. T. Yates,

Inspector, 3d Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully,

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Asst. Keeper

Approved,
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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUL 4 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 3rd, 1918.

Inspector

When returning from getting Stores. Wm Jeffreys - for five days Asst. Keeper at this Station, informed me that he had been ordered up to the Office and also that another man would be send in his place. Taking his assertions for bona fide. I let him go and he left this Station at 2 pm the day, nevertheless I think it best to inform the Office - in case he should have invented the story for a - "get away quick".

William J. Ostrem
Keeper -

7/5

Telephoned on 7/3; said he didn't like Keeper and couldn't get along with him; asked if he could come to office to explain his difficulties - Told him if he had any complaint to write it; wanted to know when he would be relieved - told him soon as another man was obtained -

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William Jeffreys, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

July 8,1918

SUBJECT: Resignation.

REFERENCE: Your letter July 1,1918.

Your resignation as assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station has been received. Steps are being taken to obtain a man for the position. You will be advised at the earliest possible date as to the effective date of your resignation.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent



Ordered ✗
Par. accepted effective date given

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Newark. N. J.
July 5-18

Inspector
3rd L. H. Dist.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir -

Will you please consider my resignation, sent in some days ago, in effect.

I did say to Mr. Ockenfeld that I would return to Old Orchard Sta, but as he assured me I could do as I pleased about it, I do not feel that I can return under present conditions.

Respectfully,
M. Jeffreys.
766 Parker St.

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Wm Jeffreys

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William Jeffreys, July 11,1918

266 Parker Street,

Newark, N. J.

SUBJECT: Resignation.

REFERENCE: Your letter July 1st,1918.

Your letter dated July 1,1918 resigning your position as assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of July 3,1918, your last day of service.

In the absence and by direction of Superintendent.

1st Asst.Superintendent

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July 16, 1918.

Sir:

nThe Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the chief of bureau, to take effect at the close of business on July 3, 1918.

Bureau Lighthouse Service.
Position Assistant Keeper.
Salary $516 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William Jeffreys,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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In the absence and by direction of Superintendent.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 93 JHC

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., July 11, 1918, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William Jeffreys — Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, New Jersey — Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $516.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 8, 1918

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

Remarks:

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. June 18,1918 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will upon duty at his new station on June 25,1918

Name, William Jeffreys

Position, Assistant Keeper

From Sakonnet Light Station, R.I.

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

Previous incumbent, Robert Boyd

Services terminated, June 24,1918

Reason, Transferred

Mr.Jeffreys entered the service on December 28,1917 as assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, and has been employed in said position since that date. His transfer is recommended as he is the only employee of District who has applied for said position. The vacancy to which his transfer is proposed, could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment.
In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Superintendent

Tompkinsville, N. Y., July 5,1918 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with June 28,1918

J. T. YATES.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

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General Depot
Office of Inspector 3d Dist.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

June 18,1918

William Jeffreys, Asst.Keeper.
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

REFERENCE: Your letter June 16th.

You are advised you have been selected for the position of assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station on June 25,1918. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address are William J.Epkens, 17 William St., Tompkinsville, N. Y.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Superintendent

Copy forwarded to keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the last day of service of Boyd, and the date on which Jeffreys reports for duty as assistant keeper.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

F. W. Ockenfels

Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

JHG

General Depot
Office of Inspector 3rd Dist.,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

June 18,1918

William Jeffreys, Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
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William Jeffries, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

June 10,1918

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SUBJECT: Transfer to Romer Shoal.

Referring to your letter dated June 3,1918 relative to your transfer to another station. You are requested to advise this office by return mail as to whether or not you would be willing to accept the position of assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay. The pay is the same as you are receiving at present, viz $516 per annum with a temporary increase of $10 per month and 10% for the period up to June 30th,1918. The light is a 4th order oil vapor, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

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Sakonnet Light Sta
June 3rd 1913

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Mr. Yates.
2d. Inspector 3rd. dist.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

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Dear Sir -

If you can transfer me elsewhere, and care to do so, I will gladly accept same.

Otherwise, will you please accept my resignation to take place July 1st., or as soon thereafter as may be most convenient for you,

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The position of assistant keeper at Romer Shoal referred to in our letter of June 10th, may be filled by another person.

J. T. YATES

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. JUN 27 22 1918 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 24, 1918

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Inspector

Sir asst Keeper Samuel Jeffreys left the Station for old Orchard Lt, Sta, the 24th at 2 30 P.m.
and I wish you would send me a Marine Clock I had one But it was out of order and I sent it in and never did get it back I need it had

Leonard Fuller
Keeper

Inspector

98K Note no clock to be rated when prepared

Rated — 6/25/18
Clock not rated repaired for —
Boston Dec

Form 95

REQUISITION FOR ARTICLES

Requisition No. ____



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X431

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Sakonnet Lt Sta June 24 1918

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR:

The articles named below will be needed within 6 days, to be delivered at Sakonnet for Sakonnet

Approved: _____

(Name) Leonard Fuller

(Rating) Keeper

*EXTRA OR REPLACE?	QUANTITY ON HAND	QUANTITY NEEDED	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	FOR WHAT PURPOSE
	0	1	Marine Clock	Station

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*Keepers and Masters of vessels must not use this column

Old Orch. St. Sta.

July 1st 1918.



Mr. J. Tyates.

Inspector. 3rd Dist.

Jamestown Ny.

Dr Sir -

I left Lakemont at earliest opportunity to comply with your instructions. Was unable however to reach this Station until the morning of Friday June 28th.

Respectfully

Jno. Jeffreys.

Asst Keeper.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JUL 12 1918

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Beach Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 28th, 1918.

Inspector

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Respectfully report that Wm Jeffreys last
28 day 11 a.m. arrived at this Station, and taken up
his duties as Assistant Keeper.
At the same time Robert Boyd late assistant here
left this Station, bound for Roomer Shoal.
Stress of weather since the 25th prevented an
earlier transference for both men.

William J. Eastmans
Keeper.

Sakonnet Point R.I.
June, 16, 1918.

Mr. J. Yates
Inspector, 3rd. Dist.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.



Dear Sir -

Your letters of 10th. and 13th just received, and I am answering immediately to inform you that I wish to be considered for the Old Orchard Shoal Asst Keepership..

Respectfully

Wm Jeffreys

Asst Keeper.
Sakonnet Lt. Sta.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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JHG

Leonard Fuller, ...Keeper,

Sakonnet .....Light Station,

Little Compton, R. I. .....

Jan. 31, 1918

(75)

Furnish the information called for below in regard to assistant Keeper Jeffreys, and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Height 5 feet 8 inches.

Weight 145 pounds

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes Blue

Distinguishing marks scar over left eye

Resigned 7-3-18

J. T. YATES

Inspector

Date February 4, 1918

Returned to Inspector, the information requested having been inserted above.

Leonard Fuller Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

JHG

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Feb. 11,1918

William Jeffreys, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

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

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

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

J. T. YATES

Inspector

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form 206 where marked A, and keeper to sign Form where marked B.

Form 206 File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, February 11,1918, 191

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To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Providence, R. I.

SIR:

Please examine William Jeffreys, assistant keeper, Sakonnet Light Station,R.I.

nativity, United States; age, 44; height, 5 feet, 8 inches;

weight, 115 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, scar over left eye.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Lighthouse Inspector.

A

(Signature of applicant:)

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

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, ...

DATE, ..., 191

Name of applicant, ...

Eyes: Color, ...; exophthalmus, ...

chronic inflammation, ...; other anbormality, ...

Eyelids: Ptosis, ...; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, ...

other conditions, ...

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses,.....; with glasses, ...

Vision of left eye, without glasses, ...; with glasses, ...

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? .....

If color-blind, state which color he confuses .....

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? .....

Ears:

Abnormalities, ...; shape, ...

Position, ...; condition of drums .....

Evidence of mastoid disease, ...

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, ... feet; left ear, ... feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, ... feet; left ear, ... feet.

Lungs: .....

Heart: .....

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

.....

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

~~700~~

LIGHT
JAN 25 1918
[illegible]

January 23, 1918.

Mr. William Jeffreys,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C
M

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Leonard Fuller.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.

(See reverse side.)

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WILLIAM JEFFREYS 516.A.
ASST.KPR.SAKONNET
LIGHT STATION.



WILLIAM JEFFREYS,ASST.KPR.,
SAKONNET LIGHT STATION,
LITTLE COMPTON,R.I.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) January 15,1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y,2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William Jeffreys

Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $516. per annum

Location, Sakonnet Light Station,R.I.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 28,1917 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 79.2, Other eligibles considered:
Frank W. Payne C. John Schmitt D (Name removed from register)
Louis R. Jackson C.

Previous incumbent, Leonard Fuller

Services terminated, December 21,1917

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty on Dec.28,1917 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2,6,7 & 8 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. No.4 will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided.

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

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

ASPINWALL

BUTLER

HASKELL

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan, 1918

Inspector

Sir am william Jeffreys arrived for duty on January 11th

Fuller
Keeper

E O D Dec. 28-1917

(See letter of Jan 2 attached from. Jeffreys)

JHQ

January 7,1918

Mr. William Jeffreys,

C/O Mrs. Charles Gray,

Little Compton, R. I.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged this date of your letter dated. January 2,1918. After you have arrived at Sakonnet Light Station and have entered on duty as Assistant Keeper, you are directed to forward to this office receipted bills for the board and lodging paid by you while waiting in Little Compton to go out to the station.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Copy forwarded to keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta., for his information.
Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Jeffreys reports at the light station for duty as assistant keeper.

Inspector

JHG

Mr. William Jeffreys, January 7,1918

Little Compton, R. I.

Sir:-

Your letter dated January 2,1917 was recived at this office to-day. You are advised that after you have arrived at the Light Station and entered on duty as assistant keeper

JRG

Mr. William Jeffreys, Dec. 21,1917

266 Parker Street,

Newark, N. J.

Sir:-

Referring to your statement that you were willing to accept the position as assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station. You are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The keeper's name and address are Leonard Fuller, Little Compton, R. I.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

Copy forwarded to keeper of Sakonnet Light Station for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Jeffreys enters on duty as assistant keeper.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Dec. 18th. 1917

Lighthouse Inspector.
Louisville. Ky.

Dear Sir -

I enclose applications for lighthouse service. I could enter on duty immediately after Christmas, or any time thereafter, if selected, and would accept any of positions offered.

Respectfully,

Wm Jeffreys.
266 Parker St.
Newark.
N.J.



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RECEIVED JAN 1918 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Sakonnet Pt. R. I.
~~PEEKSKILL, N.Y.~~ Jan 2nd 1917.

Mr. yates.
Lighthouse Inspector.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Dear Sir-

I left N.Y. as agreed on Friday last, arriving here Saturday morning, where I have been compelled to remain ever since as weather conditions have prevented my getting over to the light.

As I find it a hardship remaining here (with Mrs. Chas Gray) and paying $2.00 per day for board, I thought I would ask you if the department makes any provision for this outlay, as it is impossible for me to arrange otherwise. I will get over to the light at first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Wm Jeffreys.
Little Compton
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Staten Island L. H.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 18th, 1918

Our letter Jan 7th attached to appointment papers

Inspector
L. H. District #3
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Dear Sir -

As per your instructions I am sending receipted bill for board paid Mrs. Gray during the time of my arrival here until I was able to get out to the Lights house. I also had to engage a boatman to take me out on the 11th. and paid him 4.00

Respectfully

Wm Jeffreys
Asst. Keeper.

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January 28, 1918.

Wm. Jeffreys, Asst.Kpr.,
(Through Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Enclosed is blank form 9, voucher for travel expenses. Fill out this form in the order of which expenses were incurred. In charging for transportation from New York to Sakonnet Point, R. I. be sure not to include any war tax, as travel on official Government business is not taxable, and should therefore not be paid to transportation company.

Include your board bill, December 29th to January 11th, 1918, $26.00. In order to receive consideration for reimbursement for engaging a boatman to take you to the station, amount $4.00, it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with a receipted bill therefor.

After all expenses are incorporated in voucher, insert the following form of certificate showing that no war tax was included:

I hereby certify that the charge for transportationfrom New York to ( ) on Dec. ( ), in the amount of ( ) does not include the war tax.

_____
Asst. Keeper.

Sign the voucher and have it sworn to before any Postmaster without charge, and submit it to this office, together with boat receipt, for payment.

Sakonnet Light House.
Little Compton. R.I.
Jan. 30th. 1918.

Inspector. L.H. Dist #3.
Tompkinsville N.Y.



Dear Sir -

As I did not get a receipt from Mr. Fields when he brought me over to the light House on Jan. 11th. and has since then left Sakonnet Point, as I understand it, to take a position temporarily some where else, I am writing him, and will send for his receipt as soon as I get ashore again. And as soon as I receive same from him will forward it to you along with the voucher properly filled out.

Respectfully

Wm. D. Young.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1918
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Sankonnet Light House.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 11th, 1918.

Mr. J. Yates
Inspector. 3rd District
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Dear Sir -

I have'nt been able up to this time to make out and forward voucher for expenses incurred in making the trip from Newyork, and board bill for time spent ashore until I arrived at the light-house. I sent to Fields for his receipt for the $4.00 he charged to bring me out, but when I receive it, I will go to Notary at first opportunity, and will then immediately forward voucher to you, as per your instructions in letter of Jan. 28th.

Mr. Fuller left for N.Y. today and his substitute, Manuel Silveira, arrived alright this afternoon.

Respectfully,
Wm Jr
Asst

See Form 1874

Form 76

Butler

Wm J Stripp

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REQUEST

Sakonnet L. H., Apr 20th, 191 8
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted six (6) days of shore liberty or leave, from Apr 14th 12 m. to Apr 20 12 m, inclusive, 1918. I have had none days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

I have had

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

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

Should have had but could get no one.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

Was 266 Parker St., Newark, N. J.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Leonard Fowler
Keeper in charge.

Wm J Stripp
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, April 23, 1918, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for six days, from noon April 14th to noon April 20th, inclusive, 1918.

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

*Should have been.

J. T. YATES

Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11 A.M. Apr. 14th, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 2 P.M. Apr 20, 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: six 1/8 (6) 1/8 days.

Period charged: six 1/8 (6) 1/8 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Leonard Fowler
Keeper in charge.

Wm J Stripp
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper.
(Title.)

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FILE COPY

JHG

William Jeffreys, Asst.Keeper, May 11,1918
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence form.

You are directed to return to this office by first mail, Form 76, dated April 23,1918, approving your leave of absence from April 14th to 20th, with the "FINAL REPORT" at bottom of form properly filled out.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

Apr. 15th 1908.



Mr. W. Gates.
Inspector 2nd Dist.
Louisville Ky.

Dear Sir -

As my mother is sick I was compelled to come home, I left last night, arriving home this a.m. Was unable to secure a substitute as all the men at Saukenet are getting ready for the fishing season.

I find my mother is much improved and will

I may be able to do more,
and will when I possibly
can,

Respectfully,

Wm Jeffreys.
Asst Keeper
Sakonnet Light Sta.

Home address
266 Parker St.
Newark. N.J.

return in a few days. I hope this will meet with your approval, as I could not very well have done otherwise.

I have received several communications from the office, regarding Liberty Bonds, and feel that I ought to let you know that I have already subscribed for a $100.00 bond, and had done so before your first sent out letters on the subject; later on

FILE COPY

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FWO/EJC.

Wm.Jeffreys, Asst.Keeper,
Sakonnet Lt.Station,
866 Parker Street,
Newark,N.J.

April 17th,1918.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

REFERENCE: Your letter of April 15th,1918.

The contents of your letter concerning absence from duty on account of illness of your mother have been noted.

Please advise this office of the date on which you expect to return to duty.

J.T.YATES

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 17th,1918.

Copy forwarded to Leonard Fuller, Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station, Little Compton, R.I., for information contained.

J.T.YATES

Sept 18

266 Parkside Ave.
Newark N.J.
Apr. 18 - 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
APR 18 1918
RECEIVED
INSPECTOR

Mr. J. Tyates.
Inspector.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir -

Replying to your letter of Apr. 17th., just received, I will leave for duty tomorrow, arriving back at the light station on Saturday morning, Apr. 20th.

Respectfully,

Wm. Jeffreys

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



JHG

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

Jan

May 11,1918

William Jeffreys, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence form.

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J. A. Yates
Inspector

In the absence of Keeper, was unable to mail this attached form at an earlier date.

Respectfully,

Wm Jeffreys.
Asst Keeper.