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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
Kenney, Charles, J.		1879 MA

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)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	1918	1925
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
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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: C-0008007873

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

- ☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed
- Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Total Requests:
- Screened Items:
- ☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side
- Time Out:
- Final Return:

Mr. Chas. J. Kenney

Mr. Charles J. Kenney

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Connecticut

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper (Prob.) Pelee Ledge, Ste. Caleb	660	LH	Sept 25, 1917
" Increase "	780	"	Nov. 1 1918.
" " "	960	"	Nov. 21 1919.
" Incr " "	1020.	"	Sept 25, 1923.
" Read of Pay "	1260.	"	JUL 1 1924
" Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924 "	1680	"	FEB 1 1925
RESIGNED CLOSE OF Sept 15, 1925			

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KENNEY. CHARLES J.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—8995

CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE
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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Sept. 25, 1918 (Date.) 191

APPOINTMENTS SEP 28 1918 9 15 AM

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.) 1918 OCT 1 PM 1 38

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

CHIEF CLERK

Name, Charles J. Kenney

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, ~~$516~~ 660 per annum 1918 OCT 1 AM 8 55

Location, Pecks Ledge Light Station and Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Sept. 25,1918 {'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, 81.2 , Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Charles Siederbom Services terminated, Aug.31,1918

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty on Sept.25,1918 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 to 4 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified stations.

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, SEP 27 1918 , 191

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Second *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 30 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 2 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1918 SEP 30 PM 4 25

~~Acting~~ Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 2, 1918.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty 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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENT-RED OCT 3 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMM

By direction of the Secretary

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles Siederbom,

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 19 1918

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS OCT 19 1918 2 38 PM

1918 OCT 21 AM 9 44 CHIEF CLERK

I, Charles J. Kenney

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.

1918 OCT 21 AM 9 19

Charles J. Kenney
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 11th day of October, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Joseph J. Linnehan

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 1923

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$660 p.a.	Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.
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), Oct 18/18 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 25, 1918 (Date)

OATH FILED

J. A. Yates Lt
(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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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1918.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $660 per annum to 780 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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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APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEC 9 1918

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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 10-29-18
IN FILE OF 1095-3

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT-HOUSES DIVISION OCT 15 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT DEC 13 1918 HOUSES
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(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.)

DEC 13 1918 12 27 PM

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. Charles Joseph Kenney

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

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

L. H. Service (Bureau or Service.) Pecks Ledge L. Sta. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 3d. (District.) CHIEF CLERK

4. Position to which appointed Asst Keeper

5. Compensation 660 per Ann. — —

1918 DEC 13 PM 3 42

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries Keepers

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 Ser. Exam Sept 22/18

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

So. Norwalk (City or town.) Conn. (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) 4th (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? Boston Mass

12. When were you born? 27th (Month.) March (Day.) 1879 (Year.)

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

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14. What is your marital condition? Good Single

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

Miss Mary Eldridge (Name.) 7 Hanford Pl. (Number and street.)

East Norwalk (City or town.) Conn (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

(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.)

No

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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No	No	No	No	No	No

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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No	No	No	No

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.
No	No	No	No

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.)

Painting Contractor

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.)

Grammer 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.")

Painter

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

None but Local Civ Ser Ex. Sept 22/18

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, Oct 14th, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Charles Joseph Kenney

P. O. Address: 56 Norwalk
City or town.

Number and street.

Conn
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 Dec 12, 1918

(Signature) J. A. Yates

(Official title) Dir

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Form 73

NOV 28 1919 10 28 AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 28 1919

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) Nov. 26, 1919 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Charles J. Kenney — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $960 per annum

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& Grassy Hammock Lt.,Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Nov.21,1919 — the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or the date of the order directing the entrance on duty~~.

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

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& Grassy Hammock Lt.,Conn.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 3 1919

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

Previous incumbent, William Hardwick — Services terminated, Nov.20,1919

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Assignment to duty on Nov.21,1919 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

CHIEF CLERK 12/8/19 PM 2 01

Remarks:

12/8/19. Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 191

For and in the absence of the Supt.

1st Asst.Supt.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1919 DEC 5 PM 1 41

DEC 4 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION DEC 10 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses. December 10, 1919.

r. Charles J. Kenney,

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ per annum to $ per annum, effective ~~Sir:~~

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required. 780. 960.

November 21, 1919.
By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 1 0 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT UNIT ENTERED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 17 1921
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEC 16 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on December 5,. 1921, to the crew of the steamer J. O. AUSTIN which had sunk, the Department takes pleasure in commending you for your meritorious service in this instance, which constitutes another example of valuable service being rendered by the Lighthouse Service in time of need. This commendation will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by HERBERT HOOVER
Mailed DEC 17 1921 by

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 12 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

My dear Sir:

A report has been received regarding your rescue of the occupant of a power boat which was drifting helplessly in the vicinity of your station on the evening of August 20. The Department notes the circumstances surrounding your action and is gratified to learn of the prompt and ready manner in which you rendered assistance. Your action reflects credit on the Lighthouse Service and the Department is pleased to commend you, which commendation will be noted on official records.

Cordially yours,

J. WALTER DRAKE.

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Charles J. Kenny, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSE [illegible] Lighthouse Inspector's files J. WALTER DRAKE.

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed by

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 NOV 24 AM 9 13

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

Nov. 22, 1923

CHIEF CLERK

1923 NOV 26 AM 11 00

SUBJECT: Longevity Pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum on account of Longevity, be granted Charles J. Kenney, Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station and Grassy Hammock Light, Connecticut, effective September 25,1923. Mr.Kenney entered the service on September 25,1918. His present rate of pay is $960.00 per annum, and the new rate, including Longevity, will be $1020.00. This increase was not previously recommended on account of oversight.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 28 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

J. F. Yates

NOV 28 1923

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

NOV 24 1923

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of

11/24/23

APPROVED:

J. Walter Drake
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1923.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective September 25, 1923 (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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NOV 30 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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October 11, 1924.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 14 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

Dear Mr. Kenney:

The Bureau is in receipt of your report of August 12, 1924 forwarded from the Superintendent, regarding the assistance you rendered to the occupants of the disabled power boat "Agawam", and is pleased to commend you for towing the boat to safety and seeing that the owner, who was injured in a fall down the companion stairway, reached the hospital for treatment. I am also pleased to inform you that a record of your action will be included in your official history.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by

filed by

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON
January 31, 1925.

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Kenney, Charles J. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is readjusted to $1260, effective July 1, 1924.

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions

For authorization see letter dated AUG 2 0 1924 File No. 1095/21.

occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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

APPT. DIVISION ENTERED
FEB 4 1925
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1680.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CERTIFIED FEB 4 - 1925

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Chas. J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting WM. J. GAERNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1680.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CANCELED FEB 4 - 1925

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

CHIEF CLERK
1925 AUG 21 AM 11 03
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,
1925 AUG 21 AM 8 56

Staten Island, N.Y., Aug. 19, 1925

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Charles J. Kenney Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. and Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.

Salary, $1680.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Sept.15,1925

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
AUG 29 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

8-21-25.

J. F. Yates
Actg.

Lighthouse

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 21 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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APPROVED:
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 19 1925
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Under acceptance 9/15

THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 18th, 1925

1925 AUG 21 AM 8 57

Superintendent

Subject; "Resignation"

I do hereby present my resignation as Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt Stn. to take effect on or about the 15th day of September 1925 as I am going into other business

Charles J. Hennessy
Keeper

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1925.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on September 15, 1925.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Position..... Keeper.

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1680 per annum.

Station..... Pecks Ledge Light Station and Grassy Hammock Light, Connecticut.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CANCELED

EDW. J. GARDNER, AUG 31 1925

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 29 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Kenny, Chas. J. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 3rd Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances Items	Allowances Value	Allowances Aggregate	As Classified for estimate purposes Service	Grade	Pay	Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates: Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Amt. per annum to be Subtracted
1020	240	1260	CR	164.25	1424.25	LHS	7	1500	yes	60	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23 approv $1560

GRADE RECOMMENDED 7

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1560 TO $1800

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

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

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

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

...CATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
...in accordance with detailed
...ction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 106
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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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1. [redacted] Kenney (Surname) Charles (Given name) J. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Rocks Ledge Etc. Lights
   (c) City or town South Norwalk State Conn.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight m. to or Midnight to Sunrise m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 960.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 960.00 per "; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Operate illuminating apparatus, and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100
18a. Not specified, stand watches, work equally divided, average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.	

19. Does employee work under immedia[te] supervision, or to a large extent upon his ow[n] responsibility? (Describe fully.)

The station is a considerable distance from District Headquarters and this employee works to a considerable extent upon his own responsibility. He performs his duties in accordance with regulations and special instructions received when the station is periodically inspected by the Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent.

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

General supervision of the work of two Assistant Keepers.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 4 years

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

JUN 20 1923, 1923. J. T. Yates Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

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

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

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

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1740 to $ 1860

JUN 20 1923, 1923. J. T. Yates Superintendent.
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758



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. Charles Joseph Feeney

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

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

L.H. Service (Bureau or Service.) Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 3d. (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Asst Keeper

5. Compensation 600 per a

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries Keepers

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.)

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

So. Norwalk (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) 4th (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? Boston Mass

12. When were you born? March (Month.) 27th (Day.) 1879 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Good Single

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

Miss Mary Eldridge (Name.) 7 Hanford Pl. (Number and street.)

East Norwalk (City or town.) Conn (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

(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.)

No

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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No	No	No	No	No	No

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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No	No	No	No

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.
No	No	No	No

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.)

Painting Contractor

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.)

Grammer 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.")

Painter

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

None Local under Ex Sept 22 18

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, Oct 14th, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Charles Joseph Kenney

P. O. Address: So. Norwalk
City or town.

Number and street

Conn
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 Oct 17, 1918

(Signature)

(Official title)

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT Charles J. Kenny Number 75

Letter from Kenny to Superintendent

Date Aug 23, 1923

Subject Charles J. Kenny, Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station be commended for the assistance rendered by him in rescuring of Capt of coal barge "Joe" belonging to Red Star Towing Co.

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Original filed under

Unit General Assistance Number 651

Charles J. Kenny

October 6, 1925 ~~1925~~.

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipt for Transfer of Property from Charles J. Kenny, former keeper: Pecks Ledge Lt. Station is correct.

Wm. R. Fraser.
Wm. R. Fraser,
GSK's Office.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP
1925
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Peaked Ledge 75
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Sept 15th, 1925

Superintendent
Subject "Keeper"
~~and asst~~

Mr. Jorge A Selser took
charge as keeper of
Peaked Ledge Lt Sta.
at 4 P.M. Sept 15th 1925

Charles J. Kenney
Keeper - Resigned

Last day service Kenney Sept 15-1925
Entd CS 9/22/25

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 10th, 1925

Superintendent

Subject "Salary"

I have received for the last two months $135.00 per month I should of received 140.00 per month please let me know where the mistake is as my papers state my salary is $16.80 Sixteen Hundred & Eighty per annum

Correct
Adj. See
Vo# 17132-A

Charles J. Ramsey
Keeper

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Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut

Sept.1,1925

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.18th and letter from this office Aug.19th.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 21, 1925 accepting your resignation as Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, effective at the close of September 15,1925.

2. George A. Scheer, 1st Assistant Keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta., has been appointed to the position of Keeper and has to-day been directed to relieve you and take charge of the station at the close of Sept.15th. You will therefore turn over to Mr.Scheer on that date the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were sent you with letter of Aug.19,1925.

3. Advise this office by letter of the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Scheer.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form A-32

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 21, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 31 PM 2 45

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Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the bureau, to take effect at the close of business on September 15, 1925.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Position..... Keeper.

Allocation.....

Salary..... $1680 per annum.

Station..... Pecks Ledge Light Station and Grassy Hammock Light, Connecticut.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., AUG. 19, 1925, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Charles J. Kenney Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta. and Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.

Salary, $1680.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Sept. 15, 1925

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

Remarks:

Paid
Vou. No.
Check No.

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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VC 8/31/25

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Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut

August 19,1925

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug.18,1925.

1. Your letter dated August 18,1925 resigning your position as keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of September 15,1925.

2. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith. Fill out same to show all the Government property under your charge at Pecks Ledge. Hold the three copies at station until further orders are sent you re same.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y., Aug. 19, 1925, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Charles J. Kenney Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta. and Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.

Salary, $1680.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Sept. 15, 1925

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

Remarks:

Paid 9/28/25
Vou. No. 17132
Check No. 78113
$70.00 J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Pecks Ledge

Superintendent

Aug. 18, 1925

SUBJECT: Resignation.

I do herewith present my resignation as keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. to take effect on or about the 15th day of September, 1925, as I am going into other business.

(Sgd.) Charles J. Kenney,

Keeper

FWO:SS

March 12th, 1925.

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Excessive leave taken by keeper.

REFERENCE: Your monthly report, Form 65, for month of February.

1. Your Form 65, Monthly Report of light station, shows that during the month of February, you exceeded your authorized monthly leave allowance by one day. Your attention is invited to the fact that monthly leave allowance for Pecks Ledge Light Station is 8 days and the excess leave as shown above must be deducted from the allowance for March.

J. T. YATES

FWC-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Nov. 23,1923

SUBJECT: Longevity Pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum on account of Longevity, be granted Charles J. Kenney, Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station and Grassy Hammock Light, Connecticut, effective September 25,1923. Mr.Kenney entered the service on September 25,1918. His present rate of pay is $960.00 per annum, and the new rate, including Longevity, will be $1020.00. This increase was not previously recommended on account of oversight.

J. T. Yates

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1923 NOV 30 PM 2 09

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $ 1020 per annum, effective September 25, 1923 (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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service

GENERAL DEPOT
Office Superintendent of Lighthouses
3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.

Nov. 6, 1923

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Commendation.

1. When the station in your charge was recently inspected it was found to be in exceptionally good condition as to cleanliness, orderliness, and operation. Such conditions are commendable and reflect credit upon yourself as well as the Service.

2. The fact that you have been commended will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

Superintendent

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 12 1922 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rock Ledge Ft Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 11st, 1922

RC 9/12/22
CC- Checks being held
up pending receipt
of Keepers monthly Report
" " found enclosed
in fog signal report
RC 9/12/22

Superintendent

Subject; Aug Pay checks.

We have not received our
checks up to this writing
as yet.

Charles J Kenney
Keeper.

Checks mailed 9/12/22

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 9th, 1922

Superintendent

Subject: Position of Keeper or assistant Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt Sta.

I prefer to stay at Pecks Ledge

Charles J Kenney
Keeper.

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Supt
C C Ur address

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 1st, 1921

7/5 (601)

Superintendent

Subject use of Gasoline

I have taken Pourboat No 58 out for repairs & overhauling and I ask permission of You to use the Gasoline in my pourboat untill I put pourboat No 58 in Comm again I will use my pourboat for Sta. & personal work only

Charles J Kenney
Keeper.

JTY:MBM.

(601)

April 4, 1921.

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper.
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Use of Gasoline.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 1, 1921.

1. It is impossible for this office to grant you permission to use Government Gasoline in the power boat owned by yourself.

J.T.YATES.

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FWO-JHG

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

July 15,1920

SUBJECT. Vacancy in position of 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. Referring to the resignation of 2nd Asst.Keeper Oswald. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered for this position and whom you consider would be capable of filling same, have him fill out and forward to this office at earliest possible date one of the enclosed application blanks. Advise this office of the name and address of those to whom you give the blanks.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses. December 10, 1919.

r. Charles J. Kenney,

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

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required. 960.

November 21, 1919.
By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Commissioner of ...

and refer to date of this letter and file ...

3 inclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON November 29, 1919.

RECEIVED ... TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Subject: Forms 73, Nov. 26, 3rd Supt.; trans. and demotion William Hardwick; promotion Charles J. Kenney.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y. for statement of the emergency which necessitated the transfer and demotion of Hardwick to the position of keeper of Falkner Island L.S., and the promotion of Kenney to position of keeper of Pecks Ledge L.S. and Grassy Hammock Light, Conn., on November 21, 1919, prior to receipt of Department authority. See. Regs. 1918, Art. 406.

Acting Commissioner

JHG

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.
Nov. Dec. 1, 1919

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the information that a statement has been added to the Forms 73, transfer and demotion of William Hardwick and promotion of Charles J. Kenney, re emergency which necessitated said changes. Both of these stations are equipped with fog signal engines and require the services of two men, and it was not practicable to delay filling the vacancies that existed until Department certificates were secured.

J. T. YATES.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) Nov. 26, 1919 (Date.), 191

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Charles J. Kenny

Position, Keeper

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& Grassy Hammock Lt., Conn.

Effective Nov.21,1919

Legal residence, Connecticut

Salary, $960 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $780 p.a.

Location, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.& Grassy Hammock Lt., Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, William Hardwick

Services terminated, Nov.20,1919

Reason, Transferred

Assignment to duty on Nov.21,1919 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,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
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THIRD DISTRICT

Execution

Rocks Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 21 th, 1919

Superintendant

Subject Transfer

I left Station 1 P M 21 Day of November

William Hardwick
Keeper

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

Chas J. Kenney

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

K-Pecks Ld

THIRD DISTRICT



Pecks Ledge
(Station, Depot or Vessel)

Nov 21 at , 1919

Superintendent

Subject; Transfer

I took charge of station
1 P.M. Fri. Nov 21st 1919

Charles J Kenney

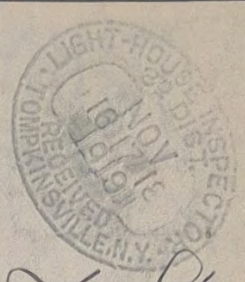
Keeper

EOD Nov 21-1919

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT



Per

Pecks Ledge Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 15th, 1919

Superintendent Sir

Subject: Promotion to Keeper of Pecks Ledge

In answer to your letter of Nov 12th 1919 I appreciate and am glad to accept above mentioned position.

Charles J Kenney
Asst Keeper
Pecks Ledge Lt. Sta.
So. Norwalk
Conn.

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Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

Nov. 12,1919

SUBJECT: Promotion to keeper of Pecks Ledge.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.,and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to relieve the present keeper, Mr.Hardwick, about Nov.17,1919 or on whatever date he leaves the station, giving him receipt, in triplicate on Form 30, for the station and all Government property under his charge. Forward one copy of the Form 30 to this office. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which you take charge of Pecks Ledge Lt. Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION
2d DIST.
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THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 14th, 1919

Superintendent
Through The Keeper

I Desire that any vacancy occurs at any of the following Stations I would like to be Considered as Keeper Position

Execs Reef Ledge
Pecks Ledge

Charles J Kenney
1st Asst Keeper
Pecks Ledge Lt Sta

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 14th, 1919

Superintendent

Through The Keeper

If any vacancy occurs at any of the following stations I would like to be considered as Relief Keeper

Green Reef Ledge
Pecks Ledge

Charles J. Kenney
1st Asst Keeper
Pecks Ledge

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. MAR 23 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Peck Ledge Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 1, 1919

Superintendant

Subject Probation Charles J Kenney Asst, Keeper

Charles J Kenney as Proved Satisfactory to Me and To my Opinion Find him Qualified to act as Keeper in is Present Position

William Hardwick

Keeper Peck Ledge Lt Sta

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William Hardwick, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

Feb. 25,1919

SUBJECT: Probation, Charles J.Kenney, Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Charles J.Kenney, assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station, will expire on March 24,1919. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respectfhe is incompetent.

J. T. YATES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. FEB 24 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Pecks Ledge Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 24th, 1919

Superintendant

Subject: Position, Keeper, Hale Rock Lt. Sta.

I prefer to stay where I am until there is a vacancy as Keeper at Pecks Ledge Lt Sta.

Yours Truly

Charles J. Kenney
Asst Keeper
Pecks Ledge
Lt Sta.

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Charles J. Kenney	A.K.	Pecks Ledge	
Adam A.Emeigh,Jr.	"	Greens Ledge	

Feb. 21,1919

SUBJECT: Position, Keeper, Whale Rock Lt.Sta.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not, in the event of a vacancy, you would be willing to accept the position of keeper of Whale Rock Light Station, located off shore in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island. The salary is $960 per annum, in addition to which there is the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day, and the temporary increase of $10 per month authorised to June 30,1919. There is also a fuel allowance of 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for the station. There is one assistant keeper at the station. Quarters are provided for keepers, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Narragansett Pier. The light is a 4th order oil, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork.

J. T. YATES.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Chas Kinney
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Keeper took charge of Light
Jan 21st 1919

Cuckhudge Ledge Sta 75
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 20, 1919

Superintendent
Sir

Your letter dated Jan. 17, 1919 in regards to Charles Kinney Asst. Keeper & the promotion of Keeper, in my opinion he is not a capable man for the position, for instance he went ashore once and let the engine in the power boat freeze up instead of draining off the water as I had told him, and by forcing the Plunger down he bent the Eccentric on the pumps. Another time he went ashore with the power boat and by neglecting to oil the Throw & Conecting rod, he cut it. I babitted the conecting rod and dressed the Throw down so that it is running O.K. I also fixed the Eccentric the time it was bent.

Ferdinand Heigman
Keeper

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Ferdinand Heisman, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

Jan. 17,1919

SUBJECT: Charles J. Kenney, assistant keeper.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you consider Assistant Keeper Charles J. Kenney, capable and a suitable man to be promoted to the position of keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station.

J. T. YATES.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Jan. 2,1919 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, **Charles J. Kenney**

Legal residence, **Connecticut**

Position, **Keeper**

Salary, **$960 per annum**

Location, **Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. & Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **February 1,1919** [1] ~~date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, **$780 per annum**

Location, **Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. & Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.**

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

Cancelled

Previous incumbent, Ferdinand Heizman

Services terminated, **January 31,1919**

Reason, **Transferred**

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: **Mr. Kenney entered the service as assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt. Station on September 25,1918. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time Mr.Kenney was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.**

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

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
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HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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December 5, 1918.

M. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $660 per annum to $780 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.), Sept. 25, 1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Charles J. Kenney

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Pecks Ledge Light Station and Grassy Hammock Light, Conn.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Sept. 25, 1918 { 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, 81.2, Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Charles Siederbom

Services terminated, Aug. 31, 1918

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty on Sept. 25, 1918 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 to 4 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified stations.

Selection regular, subject

U. S. Civil Service Commissio

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Secretary,

Submitted to the Secretar

CHARLES J. KENNEY, ASST. KPR.,
PECKS LEDGE ETC. LTS.,
SOUTH NORWALK, CONN.

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1918.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty 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,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles Siederbom,

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

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Ferdinand Heisman, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

Sept. 24,1918

SUBJECT: Employment of Charles J.Kenney as Laborer.

You are advised that Charles J. Kenney will be taken up as having entered on duty as assistant keeper at Pecks Ledge Light Station, on September 25,1918. Fill out and forward to this office one of the time sheets sent you with letter of Sept.18th. This time sheet should show the time worked by Mr.Kenney between September 9th and 24th, inclusive, while he was employed as a laborer at Pecks Ledge Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

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Charles J. Kenny,
Through the Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

Sept. 24, 1918

SUBJECT: Position, asst.Keeper, Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.

Referring to your application filed in this office for the position of assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta. You are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith will be taken up as having entered on duty in that position on September 25.1918. The salary of the position is $516 per annum which has been temporarily increased to $660 per annum for the fiscal year 1919 and to which Congress has authorized an increase in compensation of $120 per annum, making the salary $65 per month. In addition there is a ration allowance of 45 cents per day, or $13.50 per month, which makes the total salary $78.50 per month.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Superintendent

COD Sept 25-1918

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Ferdinand Heizman, Keeper, Sept.18,1918

Pecks Ledge Light Station,

South Norwalk, Conn.

SUBJECT: Employment of Asst.Keeper.

REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.17,1918.

It is noted that you have employed a laborer to assist you in the operation of the station, as authorized by letter from this office dated September 9,1918, and that he entered on duty on September 9th, and would like to continue in the service. As requested there is enclosed herewith application blank, which you are requested to have him fill out, and forward same to this office at the earliest possible date. If the application is satisfactory, steps will be taken toward appointing him permanently to the position of assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Lt.Sta.

At the end of September fill out one copy of the enclosed time sheet to show time worked by Mr.Kinney from the 16th to 30th of Sept., and forward same to this office. Place an "X" in square under each day he works.

J. T. YATES.

Add'd to Greenville letter F.J.

Fol.

ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Execs Ledge Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 17, 1918

Superintendent; Sir.

Wish to inform you that I got a local man for temporary Asst. Keeper Sept. 16. he reported for duty 11 A. M.

He would like to have an application blank to fill out as he likes the service and has good experience. His name is

Charles J. Kinney.
South Rowdale
c/o City Hotel. Conn

Ferdinand Heizmann
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

7-25-19 Not yet taken examination

Oct. 22, 1918

Charles J. Kenney, Asst. Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Conn.

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

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

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

JHC

Lighthouse Service

General Depot
Office of Supt. of L.H's, 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Ferdinand Heizman, ...Keeper

Oct. 4, 1918

Pecks Ledge
.....Light Station

South Norwalk, Conn.
.....

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

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) Boston Mass

Age 39 yrs

Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Weight 153 pounds

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes Blue

Distinguishing marks None

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Date Oct 9, 1918

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

Ferdinand Heizman

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ---3rd--- DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, ---Oct. 21, 1918---, 191

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

---New Haven, Conn.---

SIR:

Please examine Charles J. Kenney, assistant keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station

nativity, ~~United States~~; age, 39; height, 5 feet, 5-1/2 inches;

weight, 153 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, None

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Supt. of Lighthouses, 3d Dist. ~~*Lighthouse Inspector.*~~

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(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

~~Witnessed by~~ ~~Keeper, Pecks Ledge 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 4 PM 2 44

Mr. Chas. J. Kenney,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1680.

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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Ed

CHARLES J. KENNEY.

Our Resignet Sept 15, 1925.

CHARLES J. KENNEY.

Newspaper clipping from the New York Herald
Dec 8 1921

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...URSDAY, DECEMB...

FOUR SHIPWRECKED MEN SAVED IN SOUND ONE IS UNCONSCIOUS

Norwalk Lightkeeper Spies Open Boat With Almost Naked Victims.

CANALLER AUSTIN LOST

Trio Dump Disabled Mate Into Lifeboat as Vessel Goes Down in Gale.

THEN LONG ROW BEGINS

Three Sufferers From Exposure and One Badly Burned Sent to Hospital.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 7.—Charles Kenney, keeper of Norwalk light, went out into Long Island Sound in a rowboat early this morning with his assistants, George H. Barker and George Clark, and rescued four men of the crew of the steam canaler J. C. Austin of Brooklyn. The quartet had been drifting about off shore in high seas since their ship went down in a terrific gale early last night. All suffered severely from exposure, while one, George Westergaarten of Perth Amboy, a fireman, was so badly burned that he is not expected to live.

The others rescued were Capt. Joseph Byers, commander of the Austin; Charles Walker, engineer, and Walter Warren, cook, all of Brooklyn. With Westergaarten, they tried to keep the Austin from sinking by working the pumps, and at the same time they tried to launch their lifeboat, a difficult task because of the high seas sweeping and plunging over the rail of the ship. During this work a pipe in the boiler burst and there was great danger that the boiler would explode before the boat could be launched.

Westergaarten volunteered to repair the break. Throwing wet ashes on the fires, he crawled into the hot boiler to find the leak. But the fires had not gone out and he was burned so badly within a few minutes that he became unconscious and was not able to cry for help. But after some time, while Westergaarten was slowly roasting to death, Capt. Byers became alarmed.

Drag Out Roasting Fireman.

He opened the boiler, and after great trouble and danger he and the two other men managed to get inside and drag the body of the fireman into the engine room. Westergaarten was unable to help himself or make even an effort to save his life.

The ship was beginning to settle by this time. Capt. Byers carried Westergaarten to the deck, while Walker and Warren, after working desperately for some time, managed to get the lifeboat over the side. Fortunately the boat was not swamped as she hit the waves. Capt. Byers clambered down the side into the lifeboat with the bod... Wes... in his arms, followed quickly by the cook and the engineer. Two or three minutes after they had cast off the Austin went down by the bow.

Capt. Byers and the other two men of his crew had not had time to get food before they jumped into the lifeboat, and they wore only their shirts and trousers, as the work with the pumps and in the engine and boiler rooms had been hot and fatiguing and they had discarded their outer clothing. The wind was blowing a gale, and although they rowed hard they were not able to make the shore. Throughout the night they drifted, managing with great effort to keep within sight of the beams of the lighthouse.

Lifeboat Drifting to Shore.

When morning came the lifeboat with the burned man and the three others in it was drifting slowly into shore. Their distress signals were seen by Keeper Kenney of the light and he went out with his aids, the high seas having gone down by that time sufficiently to enable them to launch a small boat without much difficulty. Kenney found Capt. Byers and his men half frozen, with the unconscious Westergaarten covered with their shirts, while the others tried to handle their boat with no warmer clothing than their underwear.

The strength of the shipwrecked men was so far gone that they never would have been able to row their lifeboat to shore, and their only chance, if the lighthouse keeper had not rescued them, would have been a passing vessel. They had drifted so far inshore that there would have been little likelihood that they could have been rescued. But Keeper Kenney, with Barker and Clark, transferred them to the lighthouse boat, and then, after much work, managed to lift them up the iron sides of the lighthouse and to safety.

Inside the lighthouse Kenney gave Capt. Byers and his men warm clothing and food and did what he could for Westergarten. Distress signals were flown from the lighthouse, but it was some hours before the seas and the gale had gone down sufficiently for a boat to answer them. Finally Capt. Stanley Tallmadge put his oyster steamer alongside the lighthouse and took Capt. Byers and his men off. Capt. Tallmadge carried them to Norwalk, where they were sent to a hospital.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District.
WJL:NZ. Staten Island, N.Y. Dec. 8, 1921.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained, attention being invited to another endorsement of this date in regard to this matter.

file-Chas. J. Kenney.

Wm J. Lyell

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Pecks Ledge

Dec. 7th, 1921.

Superintendent.

Subject: Shipwreck & care of crew.

Canal steamer J.C. Austin sunk off East of Greens Ledge off Spindle in about 7 fath. water at 5 P.M. Dec. 5th, strong WSW wind clear about 7:30 P.M. heard shouting and went to the rescue of 4 men in rowboat which were the crew of said steamer in exhausted condition. The boat was half full of water and the crew were wet & almost frozen. Brought all hands to lighthouse, gave them plenty to eat & a place to sleep for the night. Next morning the 6th, it was too rough to launch power boat, so I hailed the first oyster boat to take them ashore. The names of the crew is as follows:

Capt: Joseph Byers, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Engineer: Charles Walker, " "
Cook: Walter Warren, " "
Fireman: George Westerguard, Perth Amboy.

(Sgd.) Charles J. Kenney, Keeper.
Geo. H. Barger, First Asst.
Geo. H. Clarke, 2nd Asst.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District.
WJL:NZ. Staten Island, N.Y. Dec. 8, 1921.

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner, with recommendation that Charles J. Kenney, Keeper, Geo. H. Barger, 1st Asst. Keeper, and Geo. H. Clarke, 2nd Asst. Keeper, be commended for the services rendered in this instance.

J.T. YATES.

JEH-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., December 4, 1921.
Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to the inclosed clipping from the New York Herald of December 8, 1921. Letters of commendation to Keepers, Kenney, Barger, and Clarke are submitted to the Department this date for signature.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JSH-EK

DEC 16 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on December 5, 1921, to the crew of the steamer J. G. AUSTIN which had sunk, the Department takes pleasure in commending you for your meritorious service ~~in~~ this instance, which constitutes another example of valuable service being rendered by the Lighthouse Service in time of need. This commendation will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt. Inclosed are copies of letters of commendations addressed to Geo. H. Barger, 1st. Asst. Keeper and Geo. H. Clarke, 2d Asst. Keeper.

WCB

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files

Exact copy as signed by HERBERT HOOVER.

Mailed DEC 17 1921 by

CHARLES J. KENNEY.

See letter dated Jan. 24, 1922, addressed to Harold Hersey, Editor, Ace-High Magazine, 799 Broadway, New York, N. Y., xxx and preceding correspondence, re heroism of a man named Westergaarten, in Miscellaneous File Draw under George Westergaarten.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHTHOUSES

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AUG 31 1923
Commended
copy to Sec'y
Appr. Dir.
to Sec'y

THIRD DISTRICT
PECKS LEDGE
1923 AUG 28 AM 8 49
August 23, 1923.

Superintendent.

SUBJECT: Assistance rendered Powerboat at 8 P.M. August 20, 1923.

On the evening of August 20th I noticed a powerboat drifting helpless about 1 mile east of light. The wind was S.W. by S. fair wind, so I put out in my powerboat and found one man aboard pretty near all in for the want of water and food and boat badly leaking and engine trouble and it was a God send to see me coming to his aid. He was bound from Port Chester to Westport. I did not get his name but he is Capt. of the coal barge Joe of the Red Star Towing Co. I towed him to Westport and tied him up to his barge that was unloading coal there, safe and sound.

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War Engr.
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Chf Clk.
Dep. Chf.
Comm.

Charles J. Kenny (Sgd)
Keeper.

Noted 8/27

WJL.HP

Office Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner with recommendation that Charles J. Kenny, Keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station be commended for the assistance rendered by him in this instance.

J. T. YATES.

Dept commended

...GHTHOUSES
...SEP 12 AM 9 37

SEP 11 1923

My dear Sir:

A report has been received regarding your rescue of the occupant of a power boat which was drifting helplessly in the vicinity of your station on the evening of August 20. The Department notes the circumstances surrounding your action and is gratified to learn of the prompt and ready manner in which you rendered assistance. Your action reflects credit on the Lighthouse Service and the Department is pleased to commend you, which commendation will be noted on official records.

Cordially yours,

J. WALTER DRAKE.

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Charles J. Kenny, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

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Lighthouse Service

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GENERAL DEPOT
Office Superintendent of Lighthouses
3rd District, Staten Island, N.Y.

Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station,
South Norwalk, Connecticut

Nov. 6, 1923

SUBJECT: Commendation.

1. When the station in your charge was recently inspected it was found to be in exceptionally good condition as to cleanliness, orderliness, and operation. Such conditions are commendable and reflect credit upon yourself as well as the Service.

2. The fact that you have been commended will be made a part of your record in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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Ltr. J. T. Yates

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October 11, 1924.

Mr. Charles J. Kenney, Keeper,
Pecks Ledge Light Station, Conn.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.)

Dear Mr. Kenney:

The Bureau is in receipt of your report of August 12, 1924 forwarded from the Superintendent, regarding the assistance you rendered to the occupants of the disabled power boat "Agawan", and is pleased to commend you for towing the boat to safety and seeing that the owner, who was injured in a fall down the companion stairway, reached the hospital for treatment. I am also pleased to inform you that a record of your action will be included in your official history.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE

Third District
Pecks Ledge,
August 12, 1924.

Superintendent.

SUBJECT: Assistance rendered to power boat "Agawan" in distress.

I went to the assistance of the above named power boat which was in distress north of light with engine trouble with two men aboard, one of the men the owner fell down the companion stairs and broke five ribs. I towed the boat to So. Norwalk with my power boat and sent the owner to the Norwalk Hospital for treatment. The owner's name is H. H. Rennell of Southport, Conn. He belongs to the Southport Yacht Club. Myself and the 1st Asst. Keeper George H. Scheer rendered the assistance.

Charles J. Kenney.
Keeper.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District
Staten Island, N. Y.,

Copy forwarded to Commissioner with recommendation that Keeper Charles J. Kenney and 1st Assistant Keeper George H. Sheer be commended for the service rendered in this instance.

J. T. YATES.