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Date: 11/11/2024

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Kerr, Joseph, F.		1863 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: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	
Lighthouse Service (MA)	
From: 1912	To: 1922
(Agency & Location) K600	
From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Submitted to Arc. search 11/14/24 SBR

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

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

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☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

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Final Return:

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: KERR, JOSEPH F **DOB:** 1863 MA

SOUNDEX: K600 Service from 1912-1922

Records checked:

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

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
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Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

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Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
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Notes: **DOS: 1935 TO 1936; DOD: 1/1/1953, NC; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, AK**

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 24 1912 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass., October 22, 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment.

Name, Joseph F. Kerr — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $504 per annum.

Location, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

Effective October 21, 1912, [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 1 — Rating, Asst. Keeper — Percentage, 91.2

Other eligibles considered, Wm. G. Maillette, Horace I. Hamilton, both accepted and desire names retained on the list.

Letters of declination inclosed, --

Previous incumbent, Joseph B. McCabe — Services terminated, October 15, 1912

Reason, Promotion.

Remarks: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1913.
Mr. Kerr appeared in person and showed a clean record in previous employments; has no relatives in the Government service. None of the eligibles considered are deaf mutes. The sudden resignation of Wm. P. Howard, Keeper, Ned Point Light Station, on account of dangerous illness, did not admit of securing appointments for resulting changes prior to the entrance on duty of the appointees.

C Goddard
Inspector

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 24 1912

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

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Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

October 25, 1912.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Four dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ....., and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Joseph B. McCabe.
Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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OCT 26 1912

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

WGY

DEC 30 1912

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., December 28, 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer.

Name, Joseph F.Kerr — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum.

Location Boston Light Station, Mass.

Effective January 1,1913,or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $504 per annum.

Location Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

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

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, William G.Maillette — Services terminated, December 31,1912.

Reason, Resignation.

Remarks: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses,1913.

Letter from Mr.Kerr,accepting the reduction in salary involved is herewith enclosed. Change is made to provide quarters for his family.

Inspector

SPECIAL

Telegraph Fine.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 30 1912

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

11—2314

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Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

December 31, 1912.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,

Throughthe Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from assistant keeper at $504 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

E.D. Jan 1 1913

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F

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William G. Maillette.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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JAN 2 - 1913

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

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 23 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Boston, Mass., August 21, 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Transfer.

Name, **Joseph F. Kerr** Legal residence, **Massachusetts**

Position, **Second Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$456 per annum**

Title of appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1914.**

Location, **Race Point Light Station, Mass.**

Effective **September 1, 1913,** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper Former salary, **$480 per annum**

Location, **Boston Light Station, Mass.**

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

Other eligibles considered, ——

Letters of declination inclosed, ——

Previous incumbent, George Nelson Services terminated, **August 31, 1913.**

Reason, **Transfer.**

Remarks: Letter from Mr. Kerr requesting this transfer involving reduction in pay is inclosed.
In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Yeager
Chief Clerk.

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

AUG 23 1913

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

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1913.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

EOD. Sept 10, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

SIGNED) T. J. FITZGERALD

C Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George Nelson.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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Jos. Kerr,
transfer.

August 24, 1914.

Hon. A. P. Gardner,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to communication dated August 18, 1914, addressed to this office by your Private Secretary, relative to Mr. Joseph F. Kerr, second assistant keeper, Race Point Light Station, Mass.

I beg to state that the matter is being investigated, and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

8/24/14- Letter of Repr Rep't Dist 2d & 3d Insp'rs
for remark & return in order named.

A. P. GARDNER
SIXTH DISTRICT
OF
MASSACHUSETTS

W. W. LUFKIN
SECRETARY
LIGHT
AUG 29 1914
HOUSE

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hamilton, Mass., August 26, 1914.

Hydrog.
Engr. Corps.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

My dear Sir:

In the absence of Congressman Gardner, who is away, I beg to thank you for your letter of August 24, 1914, with regard to the case of Mr. Joseph F. Kerr, Second Assistant Keeper, Race Point Light Station, Mass.

I assure you your courteous attention to this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Lufkin
Private Secretary.

J. S. Conway, Esq.,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

A. P. GARDNER
SIXTH DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS

W. W. LUFKIN
SECRETARY

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

LIGHT AUG 20 1914 HOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 24 DIST. AUG 25 1914 RECEIVED BOSTON, MASS.
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ACKOWLEDGED AUG 24 DEPT. OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ANSWERED SEPT AUG 2 1914 DEPT. OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. AUG 28 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT AUG 28 1914 HOUSES

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Hamilton, Mass., August 18, 1914.

My dear Sir:--

Before he went away for a brief vacation, Congressman Gardner asked me to write you a letter in behalf of Mr. Joseph Kerr, an Assistant Light Keeper in your service.

Mr. Keer's nephew is a neighbor of Congressman Gardner in Hamilton, and his spoken to him of his uncle's desire to be promoted to a Light Keeper, preferably at Naragansette Light or at Plum Island.

If you can consider Mr. Kerr's name, in case he is eligible, when future promotions are made, I assure you it will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Lufkin
Private Secretary.

Hon. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 24 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector, Boston, Mass. 1st Dist. Tompkinsville N.Y. in order named
for remark and return.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. AUG 26 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT AUG 28 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 2D DISTRICT
19 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

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BUREAU OF ANSWERS AUG 26 1914 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

to Lt. Gardner
Copies 2 and 3

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr,
Commr.

August 25, 1914.

Joseph F. Kerr, Promotion.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr is now Second Assistant Keeper of Race Point Light Station. He will be considered for promotion when vacancies occur in positions for which he is competent. He is not considered competent for the position of Keeper.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Yeager
Chief Clerk.

Office of Inspector, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., August 26, 1914.

Forwarded to Commissioner:

In view of the statement in above endorsement that Mr. Kerr is not considered competent for keeper, his transfer to this District is not recommended.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Haskell

LIGHT
AUG 28 1914
HOUSES

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Office of Inspector, 3rd District,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., August 26, 1914.

Forwarded to Commissioner:

In view of the statement in above endorsement that Mr. Kerr is not considered competent for keeper, his transfer to this District is not recommended.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Haskell

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Jos. F. Kerr,
transfer.

September 2, 1914.

Hon. A. P. Gardner,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring again to communication dated August 18, 1914, addressed to this office by your Private Secretary, relative to Mr. Joseph F. Kerr, second assistant keeper, Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts, who desires promotion to the position of keeper, preferably to the light at Plum Island, New York, or in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, I beg to advise you that there is no vacancy in any of these positions for which Mr. Kerr could be considered, but his case will be given due consideration at the proper time.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 2 - 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector Boston and Tompkinsville
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your report of aug 7 1914.

TSC
Chief Clerk

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A. P. GARDNER
SIXTH DISTRICT
OF
MASSACHUSETTS

W. W. LUFKIN
SECRETARY

LIGHT
SEP 8 1914
HOUSES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Hamilton, Mass., September 4, 1914.

My dear Sir:

In the absence of Congressman Gardner, who is away, I beg to thank you for your letter of September 2, 1914, with regard to a transfer for Mr. Joseph F. Kerr.

I assure you your courteous attention to this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Lufkin

Private Secretary.

J. S. Conway, Esq.,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

HB-HO.

December 14, 1915.

Subject:- Congressman Gardner's letter December 11, 1915, regarding transfer Joseph F. Kerr

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Boston, Mass., for remark and return. See your office indorsement of August 25, 1914.

Acting Commissioner

HB-HO.

December 14, 1915.

Hon. A. P. Gardner,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear ~~Congressman~~ Mr. Gardner:

Referring to your letter of December 11, 1915, relative to Mr. Joseph F. Kerr, Second Assistant Keeper at Race Point Light Station, Mass., who desires to be transferred to some station nearer to Taunton, Mass.

I beg to state that this matter is being investigated, and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner

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HB-HO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1915.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. DEC 17 1915 RECEIVED BOSTON, MASS.
LIGHT DEC 20 1915 HOUSES

Subject:- Congressman Gardner's letter December 11, 1915, regarding transfer Joseph F. Kerr

Dec 20 Wrote to Rep. Gardner, copy to 2 Insps

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Boston, Mass., for remark and return. See your office indorsement of August 25, 1914.

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Mgr. Engr
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Acting Commissioner

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Boston, Mass., December 17, 1915.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with the information that there are no vacancies at present in this District for Keepers or Assistant Keepers.

In the event of a vacancy Mr. Kerr will be considered, with others, for the position of Assistant Keeper of a station that he is considered competent to handle.

The station named in Congressman Gardner's letter is a very desirable one, and there are Keepers and First Assistant Keepers who would be considered ahead of Mr. Kerr in filling a vacancy there on account of length of service, Mr. Kerr having been in the Service only since 1912.

Gocuard
Inspector.

W. W. LUFKIN
SECRETARY

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
ACKNOWLEDGED
Dec. 14, 1915
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

LIGHT
DEC 13 1915
HOUSES

December 11, 1915.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
ANSWERED
DEC 20 1915
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm'r
Comm'r.

Ack 2nd Dec 13

Ack Dec 13

cpy to 2d Dist

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have been asked by a friend and constituent of mine in Ipswich, Mass. to say a word to you in behalf of his uncle, Mr. Joseph Kerr, at present connected with the Race Point Station of the Lighthouse Service at Provincetown, Mass.

Mr. Kerr's family resides in Taunton, and he would like very much to be transferred to some station more adjacent to that city so that he could get home to his family on the occasions when he has leave. I am informed that he is a veteran of the Spanish War, has been in the service for 6 years, and that his record is very good. If possible, Mr. Kerr would like to be transferred to some station in or about Gloucester, Annisquam Light preferred.

I shall appreciate any information you may be able to give me with regard to the possibility of Mr. Kerr receiving a transfer such as he desires.

Sincerely yours,

George R. Putham, Esq.,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

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Joseph F. Kerr,
transfer

December 20, 1915.

Hon. A. P. Gardner,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gardner:

Referring again to your letter of December 11, 1915, relative to Mr. Joseph F. Kerr, second assistant keeper at Race Point light station, Massachusetts, who desires to be transferred to some station nearer to Taunton.

I have the honor to state that there are no vacancies at present in the lighthouse district in which Mr. Kerr is situated for keepers or assistant keepers. In the event of a vacancy he will be considered, with others, for the position of assistant keeper of a station, the duties of which he is considered competent to perform.

It is the custom in the Lighthouse Service to promote them keepers and assistant keepers in accordance with their length of service, due regard being had to their efficiency, to the more desirable positions as vacancies occur therein, and for this reason there are keepers and assistant keepers whom, following that custom, it would be necessary to consider for transfer to the Annisquam Light, to whihh you refer in your letter, ahead of Mr. Kerr, since he has only been in the Lighthouse Service since 1912.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses Dec. 20,1915.
Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Boston,Mass , for the files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner.
See your indorsement of December 17th.

Chief Clerk.

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Form 73.

NOMINATION

WGY-WLLC. Per

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

LIGHT SEP 18 1916 HOUSES

Boston, Mass. (City.), September 16 (Date.), 1916.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion-

Name, **Joseph F. Kerr-** Legal residence, **Massachusetts-**

Position, **First Assistant Keeper-** Salary, **$516.00 per annum-**

Location, **Race Point Light Station, Mass.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1917-**

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

Former position, **Second Assistant Keeper-** Former salary, **$456.00 per annum-**

Location, **Race Point Light Station, Mass.**

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

Previous incumbent, **John E. Rogers-** Services terminated, **September 30, 1916.**

Reason, **Promotion-**

Relatives in Government Service, --

Remarks: **Mr. Kerr is a faithful and efficient employe, deserving of this promotion.**

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

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

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 18 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
SEP 21 1916
HOUSES

September 20, 1916.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

Oct 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John E. Rogers.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

11—3692

SEP 21 1916

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT JUL 7 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass. (City.) July 5 (Date.), 1917.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Joseph F. Kerr-

Legal residence, Massachusetts-

Position, Keeper-

Salary, $624. per annum-

Location, Duxbury Pier Light Station, Mass.

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1918.

Effective July 16, 1917, {[redacted] the actual date of entrance on duty; or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Assistant Keeper-

Former salary, $516. per annum-

Location, Race Point Light Station, Mass.

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

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

Previous incumbent, William L. Anderson, Jr. Services terminated, July 15, 1917.

Reason, Transfer-

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Kerr is an efficient employe, deserving of this promotion.

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

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 7 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

[redacted]

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

LIGHT
JUL 24 1917
HOUSES

July 24, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated July 10, 1917, as first assistant keeper of Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, but not without prejudice, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of July 10, 1917, you having tendered your resignation and left the station on such short notice as to cause embarrasement to the service.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 16 1917
HOUSES

WGY-WBJ

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

Joseph F. Kerr;
Resignation.

Enclosure-

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

July 13, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Form 93 of the 11th instant, resignation of Joseph F. Kerr as First Assistant Keeper, Race Point Light Station.

Returned herewith is the appointment issued to Mr. Kerr as Keeper of Duxbury Pier Light Station, for cancellation.

Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 19 1917
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

COPY

Dedham, Mass., July 30, 1917.

Inspector, Second District,
Lighthouse Dept.

LIGHT
AUG 13 1917
HOUSES

Sir:-

I do respectfully request with your permission and recommendation as to be reinstated once more in the Light House Service under the Light House Dept.

Thanking you for all past favor

Sir:-

Your Obedient Servant,
Joseph F. Kerr,
c/o Peter McRea, Fairbanks Park,
Dedham, Mass.

WGY-WBJ July 31, 1917.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,
c/o Peter McRea,
Fairbanks Park, Dedham, Mass.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 30th instant.

In order to have your application for reinstatement receive consideration, it will be necessary for you to explain your refusal to enter on duty at Duxbury Pier Light Station after having accepted the transfer to that station, which reason is understood to be the refusal of your wife to go there in spite of your having accepted the position in good faith.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Respectfully,
W. G. Yeager,
Chief Clerk.

IPSWICH MILLS

Ipswich, Mass. Aug.2,1917.

W.G.Yeager,,Esq.,Chief Clerk,
Office of Inspector, Second District, Custom House,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of July 31st with reference to my refusal to enter on duty at Duxbury Light Station, and beg to advice that at the time this position was offered to me I accepted same in good faith, but at the last moment, owing to the condition of my wife, I could not accept same.

Beg to advise that she has a sort of a morose disposition and for her safety I deemed it advisable not to accept this Light.

I want to apologize for being so hasty in leaving the Provincetown Light, and can assure you, if given another opportunity, that you will have no further cause for censuring me in this respect.

Thanking you for any consideration that you might extend to me, I am,

Very sincerely
Joseph F. Kerr
9 Leonard St.,
Taunton, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 3 1917

8/12/17 Wrote T. Frank Carr: copy to 2nd Inspctn + to Chf Appts Dept. also copy of Appl. Dis Ch. Aug 3/17 to 2nd Insp.

August 3, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter dated July 30, 1917, from Mr. T. Frank Carr of Ipswich, Massachusetts, together with my reply thereto, for such consideration as the Bureau may deem proper. Mr. Carr writes in behalf of his uncle, Joseph F. Kerr, whose resignation from the position of first assistant keeper of Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts, was accepted, but not without prejudice, effective at the close of July 10, 1917.

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Clifford Harlow

Rec. send to Insp. for rep. in usual way. See last par. of letter to Carr. 7/30 Aug. 8

For reason

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Rec brief but stating Bu reasons reasons to change action already taken. HM 8/7

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8/24/17 Copy to 2nd Insp.

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August 3, 1917.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ultimo in behalf of your uncle, Joseph F. Kerr, whose resignation, effective at the close of July 10, 1917, was accepted by the Department not without prejudice. The report made by the lighthouse inspector regarding your uncle's resignation was as follows:

> "Mr. Kerr was offered the promotion and transfer to Duxbury Pier Light Station on the 30th ultimo; accepted the same on the 3rd instant, and was advised he had been nominated on the 6th instant. On the 10th, by telephone, he tendered his resignation and stated he would not enter on duty at Duxbury Pier. His action caused a great deal of embarrassment. In order to proceed with the series of transfers of which his was one, it was necessary to assign two members of the crew of the tender Mayflower for temporary duty on Duxbury Pier Light until an appointment could be made, either by transfer or selection from the eligible register."

Had the lighthouse regulations been strictly enforced in this case, the resignation submitted by Mr. Kerr would not have been accepted, and he would instead have been dismissed from the service upon charges, as it is extremely vital to the proper maintainence of aids to navigation that keepers contemplating leaving the service shall give notice in advance in order that arrangements may be made for the appointment of a successor. It is to be regretted that Mr. Kerr left the service so abruptly, without attempting to seek the aid of district headquarters in adjusting his grievances, and I trust that, considering the circumstances, you will appreciate the attitude of the Department.

I have transmitted a copy of your letter, together with my reply thereto, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for consideration in connection with your request that Mr. Kerr be reinstated in the service.

Very truly yours,

Signed) Clifford Eastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. T. Frank Carr,
c/o Ipswich Mills,
Ipswich, Massachusetts.

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8/2/17 Copy to 2nd Insp.

IPSWICH MILLS



Ipswich, Mass., July 30, 1917.

Clifford Hastings,
Chief of Appointment Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the letter written to my uncle, Joseph F. Kerr.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and in his behalf, I wish to make a few inquiries in regard to same.

In your letter dated July 24th, 1917, you state your department was in receipt of his resignation, dated July 10th, as First Assistant Keeper of Race Point Light Station, and accepted the same, but not without prejudice, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

I am somewhat surprised to read this passage in your letter, and beg to explain a few facts in my uncle's behalf. He served six years in our American Navy, during our war with Spain, and was honorable discharged. He has been in the Lighthouse Service for six years, and has been unfortunate enough to fall in with a very mean keeper at Race Point. He did not bother your Commission with complaints - simply stood it as long as he could and quit.

He admits to me that he was too hasty, but his abuse had brought him to such a pitch he could not stand same any longer. He now wishes to offer an apology for his leaving so suddenly, and as a Spanish War Veteran who served our Country when we needed men, I surely feel that you will give him due consideration, so that he may be reinstated in the Service.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to the above, I am

Very truly yours,

(signed) T. Frank Carr,

Asst. Agent, Ipswich Mills.

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July 24, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 19th instant, the Department has canceled its order of July 9, 1917, whereby Joseph F. Kerr would have been transferred from first assistant keeper of Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts, at $516 per annum, to keeper of Duxbury Pier Light Station, Massachusetts, at $624 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Commissioner

McC-HOC Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, August 2, 1917.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Boston, Mass., for his information, guidance and files. Advise local Civil Service District Secretary.

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ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

Joseph F. Kerr;
Reinstatement.

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Dept recd Aug 13

August 11, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Enclosed herewith are copies of correspondence with Joseph F. Kerr, ex-First Assistant Keeper, Race Point Light Station, requesting reinstatement in this service.

In view of Mr. Kerr's record, which was without blemish up to the time of his refusal of duty in transferring to Duxbury Pier Light Station, it is recommended that his disability in having his resignation accepted, "not without prejudice", be removed, and that he be considered for reinstatement in case a vacancy occurs for which the Inspector considers him qualified.

Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG ~~13~~ 15 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

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August 20, 1917.

Sir:

Upon further consideration of the circumstances under which you tendered your resignation as first assistant keeper of Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts, at $516 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has removed the disability in having your resignation accepted "not without prejudice", in order that you may be considered for reinstatement in the event a suitable vacancy occurs.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph F. Kerr,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Resignation of
Mr. J. F. Kerr.

August 24, 1917.

Mr. T. Frank Carr,
Care of Ipswich Mills,
Ipswich, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to your letter, dated July 30th, addressed to the Chief of the Appointment Division, this Department, relative to the resignation of Mr. Joseph F. Kerr, from the position of first assistant keeper of Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts.

The Bureau takes pleasure in advising you that upon further consideration of the circumstances under which he tendered his resignation as first assistant keeper of Race Point Light Station, Massachusetts, the Department, upon recommendation from this office, has removed the disability in having his resignation accepted "not without prejudice", in order that he may be considered for reinstatement in the event a suitable vacancy occurs.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

HB-MM Bureau of Lighthouses. August 24, 1917.

Referred to the Chief, Appointments, Commerce, for his information, attention being invited to his letter of August 3d to the Bureau on this subject. Attention is invited to Department letter of August 20th removing the disability in question.

Acting Commissioner

HB-MM Bureau of Lighthouses August 24, 1917.

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Boston, Massachusetts, for the files of his office. See your letter of August 11, 1917.

Acting Commissioner