NOV 19 2024 PM12:01

REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 11/18/2024

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
King, Merrill, B.		1897 ME

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: 1963 ME

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (MA)	1920	1931
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

This Space Intentionally Left Blank

STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-302955 30933

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 11/27/24 KH
Soundex K520

SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed KH ☐ 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:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

CMRS CASE #: 2-30295530933 .

1 of 2

Employee Name: KING, MERRILL B. **DOB:** 1897, ME

SOUNDEX: K520

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

If Negative:

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

If Negative:

CMRS:	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1920 TO 1931; DOD: 1963, ME; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, MA**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Merrill B King (Name) — Me (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob	$660	Lighthouses - Bishop & Clerks Sght. Sta. Mass.	Nov. 11, 1919.
"	Prom.	720	" "	Mar. 16, 1920
"	"	900	" "	Dec. 1, 1921.
"	Trans.	720	" Butler Flats, Mass.	Mar. 18, 1923.
"	"	900	" Deer Isl. L.S. "	June 1, 1923.
"	Read. of pay	1140	" " "	July 1, 1924.
"	Incr. comp. Law	1200	" " "	Nov. 11, 1924.
"	Readjustment of pay Act [illegible]	1560	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925.
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1620	" " "	JAN 1 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1740	" " "	JUL 1 1928

RESIGNED CLOSE OF May 31, 1931. N.P.

National Personnel Records Center
Civilian Personnel Records 111 Winnebago Street St. Louis, Missouri 63118-4199

March 13, 2001

Mr. Harold K. Robbins
7190 Parma Park Blvd.
Parma, OH 44130-5009

Dear Mr. Robbins;

This is in reply to your inquiry, date December 01, 2000, concerning official personnel records for Mr. Rufus King, Mr. Fred M. Robbins, and Mr. Merrill B. King, who were employed with the Lighthouse Service.

Attached is a copy of Lighthouse Service Records for Merrill B. King and Fred M. Robbins.

There are very few personnel records on file at this center dating back to the period outlined in your request for Mr. Rufus King. The appropriate record groups have been searched, but no personnel records were located.

It is our understanding that some historical records are on file at the National Archives and Records Administration, Office of the National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington D.C., 20408. We suggest you contact that office.

Sincerely;

R Messinger

For;
William D. Bassman
Chief, Reference Service Branch

1 December, 2000

Harold K. Robbins
7190 Parma Park Blvd.
Parma, OH 44130-5009

Civilian Personnel Records
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

To Whom it May Concern,

Please be advised that I am requesting the U.S. Lighthouse Service records for the following keepers:

1) Rufus King, born 1817 in Trenton, ME, died Oct. 1895 in Tremont, ME. Tendered the Light Station on Mount Desert Rock, Mount Desert Island, ME during the years of 1853 to 1859. Other lighthouse duties and dates of service unknown.
Relation to requester= G G Grandfather.

2) Fred M. Robbins, born 1865, died Jun. 1943 in Southwest Harbor, ME. Tendered the light on Mount Desert Rock, Mount Desert Island, ME during the years 1898 to 1911. Tendered the Heron Neck light station on Green Island, Vinalhaven, ME from 1911 until retirement.
Relation to requester= G. Uncle.

Merrill Baxter King, born Sep. 1897, died Sep. 1963. Lighthouses tenerded and years, unknown. **Relation to requester= Uncle.**

Please send any available records to me at the above address. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold K Robbins

Harold K.Robbins

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. Lt. 1307 Sheet No. 2(b)26

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. King (Surname) Merrill (Given name) B. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Deer Island Light Station
   (b) Subdivision Second District
   (c) City or town Deer Island State Mass.
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1620-1920
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1740.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ ——
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1740.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost Uniform = $60.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From No regular hours. m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year }
(d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) Has direct supervision of one assistant keeper and lays out and directs his work.
(c) How many? 1

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

Judson B. Small Sheet No. 2(b)27

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) Works largely upon his own responsibility, but is governed by general directions set forth in Instructions to Employees and by specific oral and written instructions from the Superintendent; works without close observation of his superiors, but is subject to periodical inspections by the Superintendent without previous notice.
George L. Eaton - Superintendent.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Sheet No. 2(a)1

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
Sailing

10—1856

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
50%	Sunset to sunrise operating light and in foggy weather the fog signal.
20%	After sunrise the oil for that night must be strained and put in tank, lens cleaned, beds made, floors and stairs swept up, breakfast cooked, dishes washed and operate fog signal if foggy.
20%	Chipping iron rust, red leading, hang stagings, mix paints, paint tower and do such repairs as possible.
10%	Go for provisions and mail.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Merrill B. King
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

I concur in the above

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 9 years

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Edward J. Curran (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked _____. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1620 to $1920.

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Geo. E. Eaton (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked _____. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1620, to $1920.

OCT [illegible] 1928, 1928 (Date) — J. S. CONWAY (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

May 13, 1931.

SUBJECT: Letter of May 4 from 2nd Superintendent re unsatisfactory services of Merrill B. King, Keeper, Deer Island Light Sta., Mass.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., with advice that the Bureau concurs in your view in paragraph 3 and approves the proposed action.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Incl.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1931 MAY 5 PM 4 01

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
Chelsea, Mass.
May 4th, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

1. On the afternoon of May 1, the Superintendent inspected the above station and found same in a very improper condition, as will be noted from copy of report of inspection which is attached hereto.

2. In addition to the general untidiness of not only the station but the keeper himself, the Bureau is advised that while the Superintendent was in the basement overhauling what appeared to be uselss material in the oil locker there was found among other things five or more dozen empty bottles, similar to those in which ginger ale is sold. As stated, during the Superintendent's inspection of this locker, the keeper suddenly disappeared and was absent for a few moments when a crash was heard followed by sounds of running liquid. Upon investigation it was found that the keeper King had left the Superintendent's presence to remove or throw overboard a crock containing approximately five gallons of Lager beer which was in the process of brewing and which was located in a closet in another part of the building. In his haste to dispose of this overboard and in leaving through the outside door the crock slipped from his grasp falling to the iron floor and breaking and the contents running into the basement. The keeper acknowledged to the Superintendent he had made the beer and stated that he believed there was no harm in doing so inasmuch as the yeast, malt and hops used in making same had been purchased at local stores. He further stated that he was of the opinion that he had not violated the Lighthouse Service Regulations, a statement in which the Superintendent is unable to concur.

3. If the above keeper had a 100% rating in this district, the Superintendent might possibly be more lenient in this matter, but in view of the fact that conditions at this station are not entirely satisfactory and that it is generally necessary to keep bringing these unsatisfactory conditions to the keeper's attention and directing him to rectify same the matter is presented to the Bureau with request that this office be advised if this man should not be requested to submit his resignation, in which case same will be recommended for acceptance, but not without prejudice, or if not prefer charges against him.

Eaton
EATON,
Superintendent.

Rec'd 5/16
wpdt 5/16
Concur 5/6/16

June 11, 1931.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
10 Cleaves Street,
Rockport, Mass.

Dear Sir:

1. In reference to your letter of recent date relative to your involuntary resignation from the Service as Keeper of Deer Island Light Station, effective May 31:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is being investigated and that you will be further advised at an early date.

Respectfully,

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EMF

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form 56a

ere c11—9379a

RADIOGRAM

U. S. L. H. S. [redacted]ways _____ Dist.

Surveys
Constrn.
Radio A
Commun
Contracts
Clerical
Admr. Offcr.
Air Engr.
Chief Engr.

4 BW 43 CHELSEA MASS JUNE 4 251

L H C WASHINGTON

PLEASE WIRE STATUS RESIGNATION MERRILL B KING AS KEEPER DEER ISLAND LIGHT STATION RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE CLOSE MAY THIRTY ONE ALSO STATUS APPOINTMENT TOM SMALL TO ABOVE POSITION EFFECTIVE JUNE ONE NOMINATION FORM SEVENTY THREE FORWARDED MAY TWENTY FIVE 143004

Thos Eaton
Supt
King
Reported
Chief Clerk
answering

EATON 234 PM.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form 56a

GPO c11—9379

RADIOGRAM

COPY

U. S. L. H. S. [redacted]

Airways
Surveys
Constrn.
Radio
Dist.
Commun
Contracts
Clerical
Admr. Offcr.
Air Engr.
Chief Engr.

WASHINGTON JUNE 6 1931

SUPT L H CHELSEA

~~RECOMMENDATION~~ Resignation accepted MERRILL B KING ~~EXCEPTED~~ BY DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT PRD

TOM SMALL NOT YET APPROVED DUE TO LOSS OF PAPERS BEING RESUBMITTED

TO DEPARTMENT WILL WIRE WHEN APPROVED 130006

PUTNAM

1-Bur-32-

(COPY)

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

Station inspected, February 12, 1930.

Inspection made by, Geo. E. Eaton, Superintendent.

Record of Absence Book: Keeper King ashore and no entry made. Station not in as good condition as expected and required. Cellar untidy; bed rooms untidy; beds not properly made up; paint work in Watch Room needs washing; brass spare lamps and chimneys should be cleaned and kept so; lens and clock need good cleaning. It appears that station work has been neglected and allowed to run down, due to some cause which must be corrected. Mechanician J. V. Robertson installing kerosene oil tanks. Fire extinguisher needs refilling and new tag. High water - unable to examine base of tower. This Spring when fire in hot water heater is no longer needed, draw off all water in the system, rinse out with two buckets of clean water dumped in expansion tank and fill up system with clean fresh water.

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

Station inspected, June 30, 1930.

Inspection made by, F. P. Dillon, Supt. on General Duty.

Found lens and pedestal dirty. Locker in disorder. Keeper busy painting. Station satisfactory except as noted.

1931 JUN 5 AM 9:32

6/6 50 1/31 ans + copy 24

LIGHTHOUSES

1931 JUN 24 PM 3:56

10 Cleaves St.
Rockport, Mass.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS. JUN 13 1931

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington

Dear Sir-As you know I was force to resign as Keeper of Deer Island Light effective May 31 or be dismiss.

The Superintendent says it was owing to condition at his inspection of May 1st and to the fact that I was making some malt beer, as this was not intoxicating I fail to see the harm.

As to the condition of station I was in the service over 11 years, and on Jan. 24, 1928 was given and honorable mention on the condition of my station. and the station is as good or better now than it was then.

I am enclosing some copies of letters to show the real reason that I had to get out for and for the black mark that I received the last year.

Olsen spoke very broken English + actually could not use industrial over phone - The keeper + didn't care to stay he called him for the Boston Fleet.

You will note by Superintendent letter of Nov. 19, 1926 that I had to make a report on Mr. Olson to satisfy a private interest. I didnot make charges against Mr. Olson that would cause his dismissal so the Superintendent kept at him by telephone and letter until he sign for a transfer.

Referring to the letters of Maritime Association Sept. 8 & 27 1930 I refused to do this. As the reporting was getting beyond what two men could handle with his other work.

97 he had refused C.G. usual rate pay in

Never knew he did refuse he was paid extra

My trouble with the Superintendent after I had refused to give reports to the Mystic Steamship CO. A little over a year ago and hasn't stop until he force me to Resign.

Not recom. in this Dist

I think with my length of service that I should have been given at least a chance to go Assistant at some other station.

I like to inquire who is running the service in this district, the Dept. of Commerce or the towboat Companies.

Very truly Yours,

Merrill B. King

Incls.
RC:EMF

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., June 11, 1931.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., for report and return.

W. P. Harman

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

GEE*MEH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1931 JUN 5 AM 9 32

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

October 14, 1930

Keeper, Deer Island Lighthouse:

1. The two letters sent with your letter of October 10 (both from the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce) are returned herewith.

2. You are authorized to comply with those requests, without of course any neglect of duty as far as the Lighthouse Service is concerned, since this service is included among other duties for which a keeper is paid.

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent

MARITIME ASSOCIATION
OF THE
BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

60 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

GOVERNING BOARD

GERRIT FORT
CHAIRMAN

CHARLES E. SPENCER, JR.,
VICE-CHAIRMAN

MELVILLE D. LIMING
SECRETARY

WILLIAM P. F. AYER
CHARLES H. CONANT
JOHN S. CORDELL
CHRISTOPHER DeGROOT
ARTHUR J. DOYLE
CHARLES F. DUTCH
HERBERT S. EVANS

ALBERT T. GOULD
GEORGE P. HAMLIN
N. W. HAWKES
GEORGE HAWLEY
WILLIAM R. HEDGE
H. AINSLEY HIGHMAN
FRED W. HUNT

WILLIAM P. LIBBY
FRANK B. McQUESTEN
WILLIAM NEWSOME
EDWARD H. OSGOOD
ANDREW L. O'TOOLE
JOSEPH W. POWELL
GAILLARD F. RAVENEL

RAY H. RODEY
GEORGE D. ROGERS
ARTHUR P. RUSSELL
ANDREW B. SIDES
CHARLES STEWART
ROBERT G. STONE
S. W. WAKEMAN

FRANK S. DAVIS
MANAGER

LIGHTHOUSE
SEP 5 AM 9 32

September 8, 1930.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
Deer Island Light,
c/o U. S. Lighthouse Dept.,
37 Marginal Street,
Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Will you please notify, after our office hours and on Sundays and holidays, Capt. R. G. Palfrey, (Tel. East Boston 3557) on all steamers of the Cunard Line, Anchor Line, Brocklebank Line and American Levant Line, when they leave quarantine inward bound only, and advise this office of each such call.

Very truly yours,

F. S. Davis

Manager

AEO

Please return

MARITIME ASSOCIATION
OF THE
BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

60 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

GOVERNING BOARD

GERRIT FORT
CHAIRMAN

CHARLES E. SPENCER, JR.,
VICE-CHAIRMAN

MELVILLE D. LIMING
SECRETARY

WILLIAM P. F. AYER
CHARLES H. CONANT
JOHN S. CORDELL
CHRISTOPHER DEGROOT
ARTHUR J. DOYLE
CHARLES F. DUTCH
HERBERT S. EVANS

ALBERT T. GOULD
GEORGE A. HAMLIN
N. W. HAWKES
GEORGE HAWLEY
WILLIAM R. HEDGE
H. AINSLEY HIGHMAN
FRED W. HUNT

WILLIAM P. LIBBY
FRANK B. McQUESTEN
WILLIAM NEWSOME
EDWARD H. OSGOOD
ANDREW L. O'TOOLE
JOSEPH W. POWELL
GAILLARD F. RAVENEL

RAY H. RODEY
GEORGE D. ROGERS
ARTHUR P. RUSSELL
ANDREW B. SIDES
CHARLES STEWART
ROBERT G. STONE
S. W. WAKEMAN

FRANK S. DAVIS
MANAGER

RECEIVED
1931 OCT 2 AM 9-32

September 27, 1930

Mr. Merrill B. King
Deer Island Light
c/o U. S. Lighthouse Dept.
37 Marginal Street
Chelsea, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Please notify after our office hours and on Sundays and holidays, Moore & McCormack Inc., telephone Charlestown 2724, on steamers owned by this Company, most of which have the name "Moore & McCormack" painted on the sides. Among the vessels they control are the:-

S.S."Commercial Mariner"

S.S."Commercial Navigator"

S.S."Commercial Bostonian"

S.S."Commercial Orleanian"

S.S."Commercial Pioneer"

S.S."Commercial Quaker"

S.S."Commercial Spirit"

Please advise this office of each telephone call.

Very truly yours,

F. S. Davis

Manager

CFM/P

Lighthouse Service
Nov.19.1926

Keeper-Deer Island Lt.Sta.

1.Herewith is correspondence received from Maritime association, Boston Chamber of Commerce,for your information. This office desires a full report from you in regard to the statements made therein and your recommendation in the matter. It is also desired that you inform the office if Olson is efficient in his lighthouse duties and cooperatives with you in th upkeep and routine of the station,and if he is punctual,willing and obedient.

2.If Olson is at the station when this correspondence is received he can answer the charges therein if he desires, So let him read the letters.Advise the office how much pay Olson receives,if any, for his part of the reporting. Return all papers with your report.

Eaton
Superintendent

Maritime Association
Boston Chamber of Commerce
Nov.17,1926

Captain George E. Eaton Supt.
Second Lighthouse district
Chelsea,Mass.

Dear Captain Eaton-

As you are aware, several months ago the Maritime association obtained the permission of the Department of Lighthouses and other authorities,to install a private telephone cable between the stone wall on Deer Island and Deer Island Lighthouse,for the purpose of obtaining dependable and frequent records of vessels passing in and out of Boston Harbor. This service is very usefull to U.S.Customs officials,shipping,fincial,insurance and other Maritime interests at this port,but the value of this private telephone service to Deer Island Light,which was installed at considerable expense is seriously impaired,and in fact practically nullified,because we cannot obtain reasonable co-operation from the assistant keeper Antnn Olson,while the keeper Merrill B.King,is on duty the service and co-operation seem to be all that could be desired,but when he is relieved during his monthly releif period the reports we are able to obtain from Mr.Olson are inaccurate,frequently so delayed as to be practically worthless, and he is further handicapped by reason of his inability to talk intelligibly over the telephone.

There have been frequent instances where vessels have arrived in the upper harbor before they have been reported by Mr.Olson. His attitude in this such, oftentimes approaching discourtesy and absolute refusal to telephone these reports to our Maritime Bureau,that we cannot hope for an improvement while he has anything to do with the matter.

With a veiw toward relieving Mr. Olson from any further co-operation or responsibility in this matter,we should like very much to have you obtain permission from the Department for the Maritime Assocation to place one of our own em-ployees at the Lighthouse during the period the first keeper is absent each month on leave, with the understanding that we should expect to assume all expense incident to this arrangment.

The attached letters, one from Patterson & Wylde, dated Nov.11 and the other from the Mystic Steamship Co.(Towboat department) dated Nov.10, complain of the failure of our maritime department to promptly report the passing of theSS"Antilochus" which was entirely due to the inefficiency and inattention of Mr.Olson, and is a fair illustration of thec difficulty we are constantly experiencing by reason of his unwillingness to help s ince our private telephone line to Deer Island Light was installed.

WE will appreciate it very much if you will grant permission to have our own man stationed at Deer Island Light while the first keeper is absent on leave each month.

YOurs Very truly,

F.S. Davis
Manger

F.SD.:36
Enclosures.

Mystic Steamship Co.

111 Devonshire St.

Boston, Mass.
Nov.10,1926

Mr. F. S. Davis
Maritime Assoc.of Boston C.of C.
80 Federal St. Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir- Things are going from bad to worse with respt to receiving reports of incoming vessels, especially since the change was made from Graves Light to Deer Island.

We are Unable to get accurate reports to enable us to satisfacorily take care of the incoming vessels. The fault does not lie with the chamber of commerce as the services they are giving us is 100%.

The last incident was on Nov.8th. The S.S. Antilochus passed DeerIsland Light 3:25p,m. this steamer coming to Patterson Wylde & Co. and was consigned to dock at the Army Base.The chamber called us at 4:30p.m. giving us this information.The weather was somewhat hazy and the Army Base could not be seen from our Lewis wharf office.

We at once sent tugs down to dock her but on arrival fo und the ship practically in her berth, not withstanding the Master of the ship advised that his ship drifted around off the Army Base waiting for tugs at least twenty minutes. It was necessary for the Master of the ship to lower a life boat in order to run a line to the pier,and there is a question now as to whether damage was done to the starboard propeller when docking. The Master of the ship was very much displeased,as is agents and the general rule is, under such conditions,to place the blame with the tow Boat Co.I do not know who the man is that is reporting from Deer Island Light,but judging from this latest incident and from previous ones,he has a small conception as to what his duties are.

Often times it so happens that steamers pass Deer Island Light, and he cannot even tell what their names are.

If such inaccurate reports keep coming in we will be better off to rely on our own resources. There should not be any excuse for a delay of one hour and five minutes after a ship passed Deer Island Light before the report is received at the chamber

Signed
M.Nickerson
Manger

Mystic Steamship Co.
Towboat deptment.

Patterson,Wylde& Co.
102-104 Grain & Flour Exchange Bldg.
Boston,Mass.
Nov.11,1926

Mr. Joseph W. Powell, Chairman
Maritime Assocation of Boston C.of C.
80 Federal St. Boston,Mass.

Dear Sir-Sometime ago, you wrote us a letter asking us if we could make any suggestions which would improve the usefullness of the Maritime Assocation to the Maritime interests of the Port of Boston.

A very serious trouble has arisen in the case of the Blue Funnel Line steamer"Antilochus", whibh arrived from the FarEastern Ports on the 8th instant, and which completed docking at the Army Base about 5:30 p.m. on that date.

We understand that the Maritime Assocation Representive at Deer Island reports to the Maritime Assocation the passing of ships,and the Maritime Assocation, in turn,notifies the parties interested.For this service members pay. IT was between 4:45 & 4:50 before we received our notice from the Maritime Assocation that this steamer had passed in.

The"Antilochus", we understand passed Deer Island Lightat 3:25 p.m. The Master reports,and his times are verifred by the Pilot,that he left quartine at 4:93p.m. and was off his berth at the Army Base 4:45p,m.,so that you can see that at the time we received the report of the steamer passing Deer Island,she had not only left quarantine, but had actually reached her berth at the Army Base.

We beleive that the Boston Towboat Co. either has written or is writing the Maritime Assocation with regard to the late report, which they received from the Maritime Assocation and which the cause of their towboats not reaching the "Antilochus" in time to assist her in berthing.

We would feel much obliged if you would look carefully into this matter, with a view of putting somebody who can be relied upon,to represent the Maritime Assocation at Deer Island Light and thus reports of the passing of steamers will be promptly reported to those interested.

Invistigation will prove, we have no doubt, that this is not by any meahs an isolated case of delayed reports,you will find on investigating,we tink many complaints in regard to this.

If we cannot rely on these reports, it would be better for us to go without them altogether,and find some other means of ascertaining the postion of steamers coming in our care,so that we have everything in readiness for the docking of the stemers.

We are, Yours Very faithfully,

Patterson Wylde & CO.

JW/G.M.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTOWN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

7/11/31 Let to King & copy 24

LIGHTHOUSE

1931 JUN 24 PM 3 56

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
East Boston, Mass. June 23rd, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, former Keeper, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

Reference: Bureau's endorsement June 11, 1931, on attached undated letter from the above man and other correspondence returned herewith.

1. In letter from this office dated May 4, 1931, the Bureau was informed of the conditions found at the time of the Superintendent's inspection of the above station on May 1, and in view of same the Bureau concurred in the recommendation that King be requested to submit his resignation.

2. As the Bureau has previously been informed: If this keeper had at all times maintained a first class station, the Superintendent might have been more lenient in making his recommendation after witnessing the result of an attempt to dispose of approximately five gallons of Lager beer which was in the process of brewing at the light station.

3. Although on one or two occasions the condition of the above station was such as to warrant a favorable report, in most cases it was found necessary to continually keep bringing unsatisfactory conditions to his attention. Previous to the last inspection this man had many times been warned and urged verbally to improve these conditions and for the time being an improvement would be noted, however, the station would again revert to an unsatisfactory condition until another inspection was anticipated; in fact, conditions referred to, especially in regard to the lens and clock apparatus were personally witnessed by Superintendent on General Duty, Mr. Dillon, in company with the Superintendent at a visit to the station on June 30, 1930.

4. In addition to the general lack of proper upkeep and maintenance of his station, King's personal appearance was seldom what it should be, almost without exception being attired in very soiled clothing and presenting a most untidy and slovenly appearance.

5. In regard to the Keepers at Deer Island Light Station reporting vessels passing in and out of Boston Harbor to the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. This is a courtesy for which said keepers are well paid by the Association and according to the present keepers it is understood that this work in no way interferes with the performance of their Lighthouse duties and proper upkeep of the station.

6. In connection with King's reference to Anton Olsen, a former Assistant Keeper at the above station. The Bureau is respectfully advised that this man's transfer to another station in the district was made at his own request.

EATON,
Superintendent.

A copy of the entries made in Record of Inspections (Form 307) at the times the above station was inspected by the Superintendent on February 12, 1930, and Superintendent on General Duty, Mr. Dillon, on June 30, 1930, is attached hereto for the Bureau's information.

July 11, 1931.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
10 Cleaves St.,
Rockport, Mass.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your recent letter relative to your separation from the position of keeper at Deer Island Light Station:

2. This office has to advise that the station was not regularly maintained by you at the standard required by this Service, and the action taken by the Superintendent had the approval of this office. The other matters mentioned by you have been noted, but careful consideration of the same does not disclose any improper conditions.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner:

H. D. KING,
Deputy Commissioner.

RG:EMF

Copy to 2nd Supt.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1933

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: FCB

KING, Merrill B.
XC - 864,717

Airways
Surveys
Constrn
Radio A
Commun
Contracts
Clerical
Admr. Offcrs
Air Engr.
Chief Engrs

Airways Division,
Aeronautics Branch,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

aus.
4/11/33

This Administration has received a claim for insurance benefits on account of the alleged death of the above named former service man .

It appears that the veteran was a passenger on a plane operated by the Eastern Air Transport Company enroute from Miami, Florida, to Charleston, South Carolina, and that he fell from the plane near Charleston, South Carolina, March 2, 1933

In order that this Office may take proper action on the claim for insurance benefits, it will be appreciated if you will furnish this Administration with a copy of any records you may have received in connection with the death of the above named veteran.

Respectfully,

H. L. McCoy

H. L. MCCOY
Director of Insurance

April 11, 1933.

Memorandum to Chief, Appointment Division:

It is requested that the Bureau be loaned the folder of Merrill B.King, formerly a keeper in the 2nd Lighthouse District.

For the Commissioner:

Acting Chief, Personnel Division.

MMS

April 11, 1933.

Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

In reference to your letter of April 5, File FCB requesting information in regard to Merrill B. King (XC-864,717).

The records of this office show that Merrill Baxter King resigned from this Service at the close of May 1931, which is the last information in regard to him on record. It is also shown that his date of birth was September 7, 1897, that he was born at Tremont, Maine, that his father was named Vurney L. King and his brother Pearl S. King. The personal history sheet filled out by him upon appointment to this Service shows that he had no military or naval service.

For the Commissioner,

Chief of Personnel Division.

RG:LCF

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1933

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 MAY - 31 - AM 9:21

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: FCB

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

KING, Merrill B.
XC - 864,717

6-6-33
amd.

Gentlemen:

On April 11, 1933, you replied to a communication from this Office which was addressed to the Airways Division, Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., making inquiry as to whether any report had been filed with that Office regarding the disappearance of Merrill B. King, who is alleged to have fallen from an aeroplane of the Eastern Air Transport Company near Charleston, South Carolina, on March 2, 1933, in which communication you inform us that this party resigned from your Service in May 1931, giving the date and place of his birth and the name of his father, which information is of no interest to this office and it is again requested we be furnished any information that may have been filed with the Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce regarding the disappearance of this passenger from an aeroplane..

Respectfully,

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance

Private

9

June 6, 1933.

Mr. H. L. McCoy,
Director of Insurance,
Veterans Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May ~~31st~~ 29th addressed to the Bureau of Lighthouses requesting information regarding one Merrill B. King has been referred to this office for reply.

Our only information is that one Merrill B. King was a passenger on aircraft NC-475Y on March 3, 1933, and that he disappeared from said aircraft somewhere over the Edisto River on a course between Charleston and Savannah.

This is the only information we have which is available.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Paulett,
Chief, Enforcement Section.

RP/kg

June 1, 1931.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has accepted your resignation from the position of keeper at $1740 per annum in the Second Lighthouse District, effective at the close of May 31, 1931, but not without prejudice, it having been reported to the Department that in addition to general unsatisfactory conditions at the station several gallons of beer in the process of brewing were discovered on the premises.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER JUN - 4 1931

Chief of Appointment Division.

Indexed

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
JUN 6 1931
SHEET NO. 3054
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E

(COPY:HLM)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN - 1 1931

Office of Supt., 2d District
37 Marginal Street
Chelsea, Mass.

May 4th, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

1. On the afternoon of May 1, the Superintendent inspected the above station and found same in a very improper condition, as will be noted from copy of report of inspection which is attached hereto.

2. In addition to the general untidiness of not only the station but the keeper himself, the Bureau is advised that while the Superintendent was in the basement overhauling what appeared to be useless material in the oil locker there was found among other things five or more dozen empty bottles, similar to those in which ginger ale is sold. As stated, during the Superintendent's inspection of this locker, the keeper suddenly disappeared and was absent for a few moments when a crash was heard followed by sounds of running liquid. Upon investigation it was found that the keeper King had left the Superintendent's presence to remove or throw overboard a crock containing approximately five gallons of Lager beer which was in the process of brewing and which was located in a closet in another part of the building. In his haste to dispose of this overboard and in leaving through the outside door the crock slipped from his grasp falling to the iron floor and breaking and the contents running into the basement. The keeper acknowledged to the Superintendent he had made the beer and stated that he believed there was no harm in doing so inasmuch as the yeast, malt and hops used in making same had been purchased at local stores. He further stated that he was of the opinion that he had not violated the Lighthouse Service Regulations, a statement in which the Superintendent is unable to concur.

3. If the above keeper had a 100% rating in this district, the Superintendent might possibly be more lenient in this matter, but in view of the fact that conditions at this station are not entirely satisfactory and that it is generally necessary to keep bringing these unsatisfactory conditions to the keeper's attention and directing him to rectify same the matter is presented to the Bureau with request that this office be advised if this man should not be requested to submit his resignation, in which case same will be recommended for acceptance, but not without prejudice, or if not prefer charges against him.

King's file shows no record of investigating officers

EATON,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Morrill B. King,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1620

To: $1740

11—9564

2

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
JUL 2 1928
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GARDNER

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 27 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 5 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

May 23, 1931 ~~XIIX~~

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK
1931 MAY 27 AM 11 25

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

Name, Merrill B. King Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Maine. Station, Deer Island Light Station,

Salary, $1740 per annum.

Grey 11 yrs service.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 31, 1931.

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

Remarks: In view of the circumstances connected with the above resignation (see District's letter to Bureau dated May 4, 1931, recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of same, and Bureau's endorsement of May 13, 1931, concurring in above recommendation) it is recommended that the above resignation be accepted but not without predjudice in view of the conditions as stated.

see Supt's letter attached

5-27-31

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending acceptance, as indicated. 11—4623

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

ACCOUNTING DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUN 3 1931
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS. MAY 23 1931

SECOND DISTRICT

Deer Island Light Station

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

5/22/31

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 192 JUN - 1 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Chelsea, Mass.

I hereby tender my resignation effectime May 31.

Merrill B. King

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

Jamary 1, 1927.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective Jamary 1, 1927.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1620 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

JAN 12 1927

APPROVED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY 1/12/27

FILE 1093/1

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 13 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

F
2

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 22.
2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

1. King (Surname) Morrill (Given name) B. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Second Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Butler Flats Light Station
   (c) City or town New Bedford State Mass.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper.

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day about 15; per week 105
   (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 1/2 of time from sunset to sunrise m. to 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 $ 720 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 720 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate None
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
    45 cents per diem commutation of rations, $164.25
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 Uniform; annual cost, $20.00
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
1. Operating the light every night from sunset to sunrise; operating fog signal during thick or foggy weather.	50
2. Cleaning and caring for tower and light and fog signal apparatus.	25
3. Painting tower and making minor repairs as necessary.	15
4. Preparing meals and going for mail and supplies.	10

19. Does employee work under immedia[illegible]upervision, or to a large extent upon his own resp[illegible]bility? (Describe fully.)

Works under the immediate supervision of the Keeper, and follows detailed instructions in regard to his work.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since March 18, 1923.

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

May 31, 1923. (Date) — (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Supt. of Lighthouses (Title)

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

(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		X
Common School	X	

TECHNICAL EDUCATION: If essential, kind and extent

EXPERIENCE: If essential, kind and extent

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 $ 900 to $ 1140

May 31, 1923. (Date) — (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. of Lighthouses. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/ D#1

NAME Knig, Merrit B. POSITION Keeper.

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 2nd Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt.per annum to be Added	Amt.per annum to be Subtracted
900	240	1140	CR	164.25	1304.25	LHS	6	1440	Yes	60	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approv. $1500

GRADE RECOMMENDED 7

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1500 TO $1740

Form 73

NOMINATION

1921 DEC 28 AM 11 28

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GEE-SI

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., December 27, 1921.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900 per annum.

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 1, 1921, {1 the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $720 per annum.

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.

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

Previous incumbent, Frederick C. Brown — Services terminated, November 30, 1921.

Reason, Dismissed.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION SECRETARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 31 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. King is a capable employee and deserving of this promotion. Mr. King took charge of Bishop & Clerks Light Station on December 1, 1921, immediately after the former keeper, Mr. Brown, was dismissed from the Service. This case was considered an emergency involving the protection of life and property, which necessitated Mr. King's entering on his new duties prior to the receipt of Department authority.

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

12/31/21

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Fred C. Eaton
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

EK

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. DEC 28 1921

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY OF KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1920.

M

r. Merrill Hugh King, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 660. per annum to $ 720. per annum, effective March 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at the changed rate of pay. No certificate of 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,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED FEB 25 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Second District
S
C

FEB 21 1920 9 -- AM

Form 73

NOMINATION

EWS-SI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT FEB 21 1920 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass. (City.), February 17 (Date.), 1920.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

CHIEF CLERK.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $720 per annum.

1920 FEB 24 PM 2 12

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 16, 1920, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $660 per annum-

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.

APPOINTMENT

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

1920 FEB 24 PM 4 01

Previous incumbent, Clifton P. Burgess — Services terminated, March 15, 1920.

Reason, Resignation-

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. King is a capable employee deserving of this promotion.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN FEB 25 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Eaton

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. FEB 21 1920

1920 FEB 24 PM 1 21

Conway

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1923.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $900 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective March 16, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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,

MAR 6 - 23

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 6 - 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

2nd

CARDED

Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK

5

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 MAR 5 PM 4 36

GEE-SE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second District. 1923 MAR 5 AM 9 13

Boston, Mass. (City.) March 3 (Date.) 1923

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAR 6 1923 APPOINTMENT

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, with reduction in salary.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $720. per annum

Location, Butler Flats Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 16, 1923, [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $900. per annum

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.

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

Previous incumbent, Hugh N. Mighill — Services terminated, March 15, 1923.

Reason, Transfer.

Members of family in Government Service, None-

Remarks: A letter from Mr. King, indicating his desire for transfer to this position, which involves a reduction in salary, is inclosed. Action recommended is not in violation of Section 2, Civil Service Rule I. Quarters are not provided for families of keepers at this station.

RECEIVED MAR 5 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

3/6/23

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Geo E. Eaton

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 5 - 1923

J.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

✓

RX

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

11—2314

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 31, 1921.

M
r. Morrill B. King,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $900 per annum, effective December 1, 1921.

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,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

DEC 31 1921

S
O
2nd district

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M. Merrill B. King,

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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1560.

FEB 3 - 1925

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

EK

CARDED

26

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY

KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1924.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $1200 per annum, effective November 11, 1924 (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:

NOV 21 1924

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 21 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

IC
2nd

CARDED

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass. (City.) Nov. 14 (Date.) 19 24.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Allowance of Longevity Pay.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1200 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity)

Location, Deer Island Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 11, 1924. { the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~ ~~as soon thereafter as ...~~.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1140 per annum

Location, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

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

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated, -

Reason, -

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, September 7, 1897.

Remarks: On Nov. 10, 1924, Mr. King completed five years' continuous service in the Lighthouse Service, and it is recommended that he be granted longevity pay of $60 per annum effective November 11, 1924.

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

11/18/24.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 17 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

CHIEF CLERK 1924 NOV 17 PM 12 47

LIGHTHOUSES 1924 NOV 15 PM 3 53

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 20 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 18 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 20 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1923.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective June 1, 1923.

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 15 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

A
G
2nd

Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 MAY 14 PM 4 16

GEE-SE 1923 MAY 14 AM 8 48

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass. (City.), May 12 (Date.), 19 23

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 15 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900. per annum.

Location, Deer Island Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective June 1, 1923, [1] the actual date of entrance on duty ~~xxx xxxx

(CROSS REFERENCE)

King, Mervin A. B. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1440, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 15 1924 File No. 1095/21.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SE

CHIEF CLERK 5

1923 MAR 21 PM 4 25

LIGHTHOUSES
23 MAR 20 AM 11 45

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

March 19, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 2[illegible]

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper - Change in Salary.

Reference: Notice of Change in Salary, dated March 6, 1923.

The effective date of Change in Salary referred to above was March 18, 1923.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 21 1923
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Superintendent

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1922 JAN 4 AM 11 59

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 6 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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

SI

January 3, 1922.

1922 JAN 5 PM 4 10

CARDED

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper - Change in Salary.

Reference: Notice of Change in Salary, dated Dec. 31, 1921.

Bishop & Clarke

The effective date of Change in Salary referred to above was December 1, 1921.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 5 - 1922

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Commissioner

Eaton
Superintendent.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
MAR 1 - 1923
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

Bishop & Clerks
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

1923 MAR LIGHT AM
HOUSES

Hyannis, Mass 2/27/1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Boston, Mass.

Sir:- Referring to your letter of Feb. 21- the transfer to Butler Flats is agreeable to me.

Respectfully,
M. B. King
Keeper.

2/

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

LIGHT
MAR 20 1920
HOUSES

1920 MAR 22 AM 10 07

SI

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

March 18, 1920.

To: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Effective Date of Notice of Change in Salary.

APPOINTMENTS

1920 MAR 22 AM 11 06

CARDED

1. The following information is furnished relative to effective date of Notice of Change in Salary:

U. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

NAME: Merrill B. King
NOTICE DATE: February 25, 1920
EFFECTIVE: March 16, 1920

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
1920 MAR 20 PM
MAR 20 1920

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS NOV 20 1919

LIGHT NOV 26 1919

CHIEF CLERK NOV 10 1919

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.)

1919 NOV 20 PM 3 22

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. Merrill Bolton King

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

1919 NOV 20 PM 5

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Bishop & Clerks Lt Sta (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Mass 2. (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper

5. Compensation $660, P. a.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries Keeper of Lighthouses.

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.)

Asst Kpr exam. Oct. 15, 1919.

CARDED

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

Islesford, (City or town.) Maine (State or Territory.) Hancock. (County.) 3 (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? Tremont, Me.

12. When were you born? September (Month.) 7 (Day.) 1897 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Mr. Varney L. King (Name.) Number and street.

Islesford, (City or town.) Maine, (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? Yes.

(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.
Varney L. King	Isleford, Maine.	Position Keeper Department or office Lighthouse	Father	married
Pearl S. King	Edgartown, Mass	Position Asst. Keeper Department or office Lighthouse	Brother	married
		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.				

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.		

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		

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) No.

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.)

Fisherman

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.)

High School

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

painter

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

Asst. Keeper. Oct. 15, 1919.

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, Nov. 4, 1919.

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Merrill B. King

P. O. Address: Islesford, (City or town.)

(Number and street.)

Maine. (State or Territory.)

X

(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 Nov. 18, 1919.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Signature) Sawyer

(Official title) Chief Clerk.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS NOV 20 1919

LIGHT NOV 20 1919 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

I, Merrill B. King

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.

1919 NOV 20 PM 3 22

APPOINTMENTS

Merrill B. King
(Appointee signs here)

1919 NOV 20 PM 3 5

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] Tenth day of November, A. D. 1919

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) LeRoy Hatteraway

(Official title) Notary Public,

My commission expires 1925

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$660 per annum	Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.
Former [5] --	--	--

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 2nd District

Boston, Mass. (Address), November 18, 1919. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 11, 1919. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Lawyer
(Signature, followed by title) Chief Clerk.

[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.

11—944

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1919.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

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 enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Secretary of the First Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

CARDED

M
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Clifton P. Burgess.

Legal Residence: Maine.

2nd (See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 28 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

11—5080

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73
WBJ

OCT 23 1919 9 31 AM

LIGHT
OCT 23 1919
HOUSES

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass., (City.) October 20 (Date.), 1919.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

1919 OCT 25 AM 10 53

Action recommended, Probationary appointment-

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660 per annum

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 1, 1919 ~~xxxx

GEE*MEH

April 13, 1933

Mr. Varney L. King,
Box 41,
Castine, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of April 10 in reference to your son, Merrill B. King, and have noted the contents of same.

In reviewing his record, and according to my own personal recollection of his services while employed in this district, I clearly recall not only the general unsatisfactory condition of his station but his own personal untidiness, and although his attention was repeatedly called to these conditions and he was warned to correct same there was no improvement whatever.

On May 1, 1931 when I personally inspected his station, conditions as noted above were still existing. In fact it was at this time while in the basement a crash was heard, and upon investigation I found the Keeper in attempting to remove a pot of beer which he had brewing allowed same to slip from his hands. The crock broke and the liquid ran over the floor of the basement. This finding in itself was sufficient cause for his dismissal. However, rather than undoubtedly bar him from future Government employment, he was given an opportunity to resign. Had my improvement otherwise been noted in the condition of the station, I might have been more lenient but considering the station as a whole the action taken was and still is considered proper, there being no alternative.

In reference to your son being considered for reinstatement in this district, as changes have already been made at several stations resulting in the discontinuance of the Keepers' services and the fact thatother similar changes which will have the same result are planned to be accomplished on or before the close of this fiscal year, the present incumbents of the positions at these stations will naturally be given preference in so far as filling any vacancies which might otherwise exist in the district. I have to state therefore that no definite information in connection with your son's reinstatement can be given you at this time.

Your stamped addressed envelope is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent.

Dice Head Light Station
Castine, Maine

April, 10th. 1933

Captain George E. Eaton
Supt. of Lighthouses
Second District
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to my Son Merrill B. King formally Keeper on Deer Island Light Station and Resigned after being asked to by you, It was a blow tohis mother and myself as we thought that he was doing so well and been promoted so often he must be doing the right thing, his Sister tells us that Liquor was the trouble it was the last thing that we would of thought as we didnt think he tasted of liquor a shock to us, I think that he has had a long time to think it over and sees where he did wrong he has been living with us the last two winters and has been a good man in all ways.

This is my thirtieth year in the Lighthouse Service and I have tried to do the right thing, My oldest Son died two years ago and left a boy and girl and we are trying to bring them up and educate them with salaries on the downward it is rather hard.

I am writing you to see if you would Reinstate Merrill in the Service again, if he wrote you for Reinstatement he seems to be ashamed to write you but would like very much to get in the Service again.

I hope that you will excuse me for bothering you with my family troubles.

Hope that you may see fit to answer.

Very Respectfully

Varney L. King

Keeper

cc

July 11, 1931.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 14 1931
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
10 Cleaves St.,
Rockport, Mass.

Dear Sir:

1. In further reference to your recent letter relative to your separation from the position of keeper at Deer Island Light Station:

2. This office has to advise that the station was not regularly maintained by you at the standard required by this Service, and the action taken by the Superintendent had the approval of this office. The other matters mentioned by you have been noted, but careful consideration of the same does not disclose any improper conditions.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner:

H. D. KING,
Deputy Commissioner.

RG:EMF

Copy to 2nd Supt.

GER-MEH

June 23rd, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, former Keeper, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

Reference: Bureau's endorsement June 11, 1931, on attached undated letter from the above man and other correspondence returned herewith.

1. In letter from this office dated May 4, 1931, the Bureau was informed of the conditions found at the time of the Superintendent's inspection of the above station on May 1, and in view of same the Bureau concurred in the recommendation that King be requested to submit his resignation.

2. As the Bureau has previously been informed: If this keeper had at all times maintained a first class station, the Superintendent might have been more lenient in making his recommendation after witnessing the result of an attempt to dispose of approximately five gallons of Lager beer which was in the process of brewing at the light station.

3. Although on one or two occasions the condition of the above station was such as to warrant a favorable report, in most cases it was found necessary to continually keep bringing unsatisfactory conditions to his attention. Previous to the last inspection this man had many times been warned and urged verbally to improve these conditions and for the time being an improvement would be noted, however, the station would again revert to an unsatisfactory condition until another inspection was anticipated; in fact, conditions referred to, especially in regard to the lens and clock apparatus were personally witnessed by Superintendent on General Duty, Mr. Dillon, in company with the Superintendent at a visit to the station on June 30, 1930.

4. In addition to the general lack of proper upkeep and maintenance of his station, King's personal appearance was seldom what it should be, almost without exception being attired in very soiled clothing and presenting a most untidy and slovenly appearance.

5. In regard to the Keepers at Deer Island Light Station reporting vessels passing in and out of Boston Harbor to the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. This is a courtesy for which said keepers are well paid by the Association and according to the present keepers it is understood that this work in no way interferes with the performance of their Lighthouse duties and proper upkeep of the station.

6. In connection with King's reference to Anton Olsen, a former Assistant Keeper at the above station. The Bureau is respectfully advised that this man's transfer to another station in the district was made at his own request.

EATON,
Superintendent.

A copy of the entries made in Record of Inspections (Form 307) at the times the above station was inspected by the Superintendent on February 12, 1930, and Superintendent on General Duty, Mr. Dillon, on June 30, 1930, is attached hereto for the Bureau's information.

copy-meh

10 Cleaves St.,
Rockport, Mass.

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington

Dear Sir:

As you know I was force to resign as Keeper of Deer Island Light effective May 31 or be dismiss.

The Superintendent says it was owing to condition at his inspection of May 1st and to the fact that I was making some malt beer As this was not intoxicating I fail to see the harm.

As to the condition of station I was in the service over 11 years, and on Jan. 24, 1928 was given an honorable mention on the condition of my station and the station is as good or better now than it was then.

I am enclosing some copies of letters to show the real reason that I had to get out for and for the black mark that I received the last year.

You willnote by Superintendent letter of Nov. 19, 1926 that I had to make a report on Mr. Olson to satisfy a private interest. I did not make charges against Mr. Olson that would cause his dismissal so the Superintendent kept at him by telephone and letter until he sign for a transfer.

Referring to the letters of Maritime Association Sept. 8 & 27, 1930, I refused to do this. As the reporting was getting beyond what two men could handle with his other work.

My trouble with the Superintendent after I had refused to give reports to the Mystic Steamship Co. A little over a year ago and hasn't stop until he force me to resign.

I think with my length of service that I should have been given at least a chance to go Assistant at some other station.

I like to inquire who is running the service in this district, the Dept. of Commerce or the towboat Companies.

Very truly yours,
/sgd/ Merrill B. King

Incls.
RG:EMF

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., June 11, 1931
Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea Mass., for report and return.

/sgd/ W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(over)

June 1, 1931.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 8 1931 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

1931 JUN 4 PM 3 41

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has accepted your resignation from the position of keeper at $1740 per annum in the Second Lighthouse District, effective at the close of May 31, 1931, but not without prejudice, it having been reported to the Department that in addition to general unsatisfactory conditions at the station several gallons of beer in the process of brewing were discovered on the premises.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

Original mailed 6-8-31 to King at 10 Bleaves St., Rockport, Mass.

Sent on June 8 PM

E

1031H

EJC*MEH

June 2, 1931

Mr. M. B. King,
10 Cleaves Street,
Rockport, Massachusetts.

Your letter of June 1 has been received.

On June 1 your check was mailed to Deer Island Lighthouse. If it is returned to the office, we shall mail it to your address as requested.

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

Supt. ✓
1st Asst.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
Draftsman
Junior Engr.
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Messenger
Depot Kpr.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE [redacted]VICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN
2
1931
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

SECOND DISTRICT

Duxbury Island Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

6/1/31, 192

Supt. of Lighthouses
Chelsea Mass.

I left station June 1 - 11:20 a.m.
Please send my check to 10 Cleaves St.
Rockport, Mass.

M. B. King
Keeper

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, **Second** DISTRICT,

May 23, 1931 ~~xx9xx~~

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, **Merrill B. King** Position, **Keeper**

Legal residence, **Maine.** Station, **Deer Island Light Station.**

Salary, **$1740** per **annum.**

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of **May 31, 1931.**

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

Remarks: **In view of the circumstances connected with the above resignation (see District's letter to Bureau dated May 4, 1931, recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of same, and Bureau's endorsement of May 13, 1931, concurring in above recommendation) it is recommended that the above resignation be accepted but not without prejudice in view of the conditions as stated.**

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

COPY-RMC [redacted]

Deer Island Light Station.

5/22/31

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass.

I hereby tender my resignation effective May 31.

(Sgd) Merrill B. King.

GEE*MEH

May 15, 1931.

Merrill B. King, Keeper,
Deer Island Lighthouse.

1. As a result of the conditions found at your station at the time of the Superintendent's inspection on May 1, 1931, you are directed to submit your resignation, same to be effective at the close of May 31, 1931.

2. In the event your resignation is not received at this office within the next four days, charges will be preferred against you and your dismissal from this Service recommended to the Bureau of Lighthouses at Washington.

3. In this connection you are informed that in view of the circumstances, the Bureau has already approved this action and if your resignation is not received within the time stated above immediate action will be taken by this office towards your dismissal.

Geo. E. Eaton
Superintendent.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON May 13, 1931.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY
14
1931
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Supt.
1st Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
Draftsman
Junior Engr.
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
Messenger
Naval Insp.

SUBJECT: Letter of May 4 from 2nd Superintendent re unsatisfactory services of Merrill B. King, Keeper, Deer Island Light Sta., Mass.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass., with advice that the Bureau concurs in your view in paragraph 3 and approves the proposed action.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.
GEE-MEH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 14 193
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

LIGHTHOUSES
1931 MAY 5 PM 4-01

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

May 4th, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

1. On the afternoon of May 1, the Superintendent inspected the above station and found same in a very improper condition, as will be noted from copy of report of inspection which is attached hereto.

2. In addition to the general untidiness of not only the station but the keeper himself, the Bureau is advised that while the Superintendent was in the basement overhauling what appeared to be uselss material in the oil locker there was found among other things five or more dozen empty bottles, similar to those in which ginger ale is sold. As stated, during the Superintendent's inspection of this locker, the keeper suddenly disappeared and was absent for a few moments when a crash was heard followed by sounds of running liquid. Upon investigation it was found that the keeper King had left the Superintendent's presence to remove or throw overboard a crock containing approximately five gallons of Lager beer which was in the process of brewing and which was located in a closet in another part of the building. In his haste to dispose of this overboard and in leaving through the outside door the crock slipped from his grasp falling to the iron floor and breaking and the contents running into the basement. The keeper acknowledged to the Superintendent he had made the beer and stated that he believed there was no harm in doing so inasmuch as the yeast, malt and hops used in making same had been purchased at local stores. He further stated that he was of the opinion that he had not violated the Lighthouse Service Regulations, a statement in which the Superintendent is unable to concur.

3. If the above keeper had a 100% rating in this district, the Superintendent might possibly be more lenient in this matter, but in view of the fact that conditions at this station are not entirely satisfactory and that it is generally necessary to keep bringing these unsatisfactory conditions to the keeper's attention and directing him to rectify same the matter is presented to the Bureau with request that this office be advised if this man should not be requested to submit his resignation, in which case same will be recommended for acceptance, but not without prejudice, or if not prefer charges against him.

Eaton

EATON,
Superintendent.

Form 61

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Chelsea, Mass., May 1st, 1931.

1. Name of aid, Deer Island Light Station
2. Inspected by Geo. E. Eaton, Supt. on May 1st 1931.
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly? Yes
   (a) Light. O.K. (Keeper overhauling clock to lens)
   (b) Fog signal. O.K.
   (c) ----------
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? No, not satisfactory.
6. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
   (a) Work that can be done by the keepers? Yes
   (b) Work that can not be done by the keepers? Yes
7. Station rating: Cleanliness, 80 ; orderliness, 70 ; operation, 90 (See Instructions for scale.)

8.

		NAME	NEATNESS	CONDUCT	EFFICIENCY
PERSONNEL RATING	Keeper	Merrill B. King	60	70	75
	1st Asst.	Judson Small	Absent		
	2d Asst.				

9. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 6. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

Needs new basement window fitted with two brass hinges and catch. Station generally untidy and not satisfactory. Cellar and oil locker need cleaning and restowing. Empty tin cans, boxes, five or more dozen empty bottles and other useless material laying around station generally. Keeper unshaven for days, no shoe lacings in shoes, no collar nor tie, soiled clothing and general appearance very untidy. Keeper not in uniform or overalls. Lantern and illuminating apparatus O.K. Lens clock being overhauled. While Superintendent was in basement, keeper King left him and ran upstairs; later heard crash and liquid running. Upon investigation found Keeper King was removing a crock of beer he was making, from a closet, to throw overboard; same slipped from his hands and broke, the liquid running over floor and into basement. Told resignation would be accepted and if not charges would be preferred toward his dismissal.

Chelsea, Mass., May 4th, 1931.

Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information.
See District's letter, this date, attached.

EATON,
Superintendent.

11—877

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 4 1931
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Deer Island Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

5/2/31, 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Chelsea, Mass.

Sir-Referring to your inspection of May 1st.

As you know we are doing our spring cleaning and painting, it is impossible to have everything in place.

Referring to Instructions (17) Art. AS you know I was washing and fixing lens clock works when you came therefore had on working clothes.

Referring to my beer and to Art. 120. I cannot see where this was any violation of law as their was nothing in it that cannot be bought at any provisionstore and was bought at my regular Grocer.

Therefore I cannot see why I should resign.

Respectfully.

M. B. King

Keeper.

GEB-RMC

July 10, 1930.

Keeper, Deer Island Light Station:

Subject: Unsatisfactory condition of station.

Reference: Letter from this office dated July 2, and your reply of July 9, 1930.

1. The excuses offered by you in your letter above referred to are without foundation and not acceptable to this office. The lens and clock apparatus were found dirty on both the last two inspections by the writer and Superintendent on General Duty.

2. As for your work of reporting vessels; this has nothing to do with the Lighthouse Service and is only for the convenience of the Maritime Division of the Chamber of Commerce, for which you receive additional compensation.

3. If the station cannot be kept in a satisfactory condition, it will have to be discontinued or a new Keeper placed in charge who can properly perform the duties. There can be no excuse for the apparatus, for which the light is solely maintained, not being kept in the best of condition and you are directed upon receipt of this letter to hereafter see that the Keeper extinguishing the light in the morning, thoroughly cleans the lantern, lens and all the illuminating apparatus and make same ready in all respects for lighting that evening. This work to be performed before breakfast or at the time the light is extinguished.

4. Prior to the last two inspections you maintained the station in a satisfactory condition but it appears that you since have neglected the work and allowed the station to run down. It also appears that after the station was inspected by the writer on February 12, that you took no steps to correct the condition of the lens and lantern but on the other hand you allowed these conditions to continue until you were again reported for the same reasons by the Superintendent on General Duty.

5. It is hoped that you will improve the conditions referred to and that it will not be necessary for this office to take further action.

6. You make no mention in your letter (copy of Inspection Book) of the inspection of February 12, 1930, that any action has been taken

as regards the fire extinguisher and hot water heater. Upon completion of work recommended to be done at time of inspection, note should be made of same at bottom of the page in the space provided in the Inspection Book and properly signed by you as Keeper.

EATON,
Superintendent.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Chelsea,Mass.

Sir-Referring to your letter of July 2.

Station inspected Feb.12,1930.
Inspection made by GeorgeE. Eaton Supt.

Record of absence book-Keeper Kihg ashore and no entry made. Station not in as good condition as expected,nor required,cellar untidy, Red Rooms undidy.beds not properly made up,-Paint work in watch room needs washing. Brass spare lamps and chimneys cleaned and kept so - lens and clock need good cleaning. It appears station work has been neglected and allowed to run down- through some cause which must be corrected. Mechinician J.V.Robertson installing kersene oil tanks.-

Fire extg. needs refilling and new tag.

High water unable to examine base of tower. This spring when fire in hot water is no longer needed draw off all water in the system rinse out with 2 buckets of clean water dumped in expansion tank and fill up system with with clenn fresh water.

Station inspected June 30,1930
Inspection made by F.P.Dillon
Found lens and pedestal dirty.locker in disorder. Keeper busy painting. Station satisfactory except as noted.
Supt on gen'l Duty.

Work That has been done since Feb.12,'30

Inside

Cellar washed and painted.
Kitchen washed and painted.
Hallway washed and painted.
Assistant room washed and painted.
Watch room washed and painted.
Lamp room washed and painted.
Keeper room to be washed.

Outside

Base all chip or scrap,r ed loaded and painted. This was a surprising slow job.
Rails painted.
Underside of veranda cap varse and where needed and all red leaded.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

Deer Island Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 10 1930 2ND DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

Deer Island, Mass. 7/9/30, 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Chelsea, Mass.

Sir-Referring to your letter of July 2.

Station inspected Feb.12,1930.
Inspection made by GeorgeE. Eaton Supt.

Record of absence book-Keeper King ashore and no entry made. Station not in as good condition as expected, nor required, cellar untidy, Bed Rooms undidy. beds not properly made up,-Paint work in watch room needs washing. Brass spare lamps and chimneys cleaned and kept so - lens and clock need good cleaning. It appears station work has been neglected and allowed to run down- through some cause which must be corrected. Mechincian J.V.Robertson installing kersene oil tanks.-

Fire extg. needs refilling and new tag.

High water unable to examine base of tower. This spring when fire in hot water is no longer needer draw off all water in the system rinse out with 2 buckets of clean water dumped in expanion tank and fill up system with with clean fresh water.

Station inspected June 30,1930
Inspection made by F.P.Dillon
Found lens and pedestal dirty. locker in disorder. Keeper busy painting. Station satisfactory except as noted.

Supt on Gen'l Duty.

work That has been done since Feb.12,'30

Inside

Cellar washed and painted.
Kitchen washed and painted.
Hallway washed and painted.
Assistant room washed and painted.
Watch room washed and painted.
Lamp room washed and painted.
Keeper room to be washed.

Outside

Base all chip or scrap, red leaded and painted. This was a surprising slow job.

Rails painted.

Underside of veranda roof scrap and where needed and all red leaded.

...TO ...GHTHOUSES ...ASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 10 1930 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

....., 192

Outside

Topside of veranda roof chip where needed but color not put on yet as waiting for red lead to set up before.

All of the side painted.

Do me painted.

Perhaps the lens have not been polish quite as much as they should be while we have been doing this work and again there is no other station in the district that is up against the same thing that we are at this station.

Referring to my form 65 that everything is in excellent condition they most certianly are when you come to compare them with the condition that I received it in.

I will say that station was not in as good a codition in February as one would normal except, but when you consider what we where up against all winter I think that you will agree that we did well to do as well as we did. From the middle of november to the last of April we reported the cornish in and out she going and coming anywhere from 1 AM to 2pm this was done at the request of the Eastern S.S.Co. through the Chamber of Commerce and we only missed her a couple times and you being a Captain can imagine what a watch must be kept to pick out any ship her size going by here at night.

On January 31 the City of Alton cut the cable here the next day the telephone Co. send a crowd of men to island to lay temporary cable, they had no boat, so the the keepers again, when the Towboats came to lay or rather splice the permanent cable they had no small bout to get to the station with, keepers agiain, and beside they seem to forget that they was not on the Towboat and a sharp watch was kept they gone with half of our things. The Army officers looking for information. And then inspection, and I got what I suppose most any one would have given me not knowing what we was up against. I have not and not now doing this work for the Chamber of Commerce through any desire of my own but only through the perhaps mistaken thought that you desire us to coperate with the chamber as much as possible.

I told Mr. Davis a short time ago I thought I have to give up up the reporting or get another station, he didn't want me to do either saying he wanted me at this station. I can do this work if I am allowed a little leeway when a their has been a extra lot of it. I cannot and will not unless I am. I would like to know whether or not you care whether we coperate with the Chamber.

Respectfully,

M. B. King

Keeper.

RMC

July 2, 1930.

Keeper, Deer Island Light Station:

1. Your Form 65 for month of June received. It is noted that all the items are in excellent condition. Furnish this office with a copy of the last two inspections made, that by the Superintendent in February and that by the Superintendent on General duty on June 30, and advise if all these items mentioned in two reports have been corrected and kept so.

Superintendent.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. 13. Sheet No. 2(b)26

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. King (Surname) Merrill (Given name) B. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Deer Island Light Station
   (b) Subdivision Second District
   (c) City or town Deer Island State Mass.
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation (1680-1920) 1740.00
9. Present gross rate of pay $ —
10. Deduction for allowances $ 1740.00
11. Net rate paid in cash $

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost Uniform - $20.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From No regular hours. m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) Has direct supervision of one assistant keeper and lays out and directs his work.
(c) How many? 1

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

Judson S. Small Sheet No. 2(b)27

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.) Does largely upon his own judgment, but is governed by general directions set forth in instructions to employees and by specific oral and written instructions from the superintendent; works without close observation of his superiors, but is subject to periodical inspections by the Superintendent without previous notice.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? George L. Linn - Superintendent. Sheet No. 2(a)1

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent? Keeper

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
50%	Sunset to sunrise operating light and in foggy weather the fog signal.
20%	After sunrise the oil for that night must be strained and put in tank, lens cleaned, beds made, floors and stairs swept up, breakfast cooked, dishes washed and operate fog signal if foggy.
20%	Chipping iron rust, red leading, hang stagings, mix paints, paint tower and do such repairs as possible.
10%	Go for provisions and mail.

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Merrill B. King
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

I concur in the above

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 9 years

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Edward J. Carman (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1620 to $1980

September 29, 1928 (Date) — Geo. E. Eaton (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $----------, to $----------

----------, 1928 (Date) — ---------- (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — ---------- (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG
1
1928
2nd DIST. PROVIDENCE, R.I.

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1620

To: $1740

11—9564

2

Entire Rate

Form A-38

Merrill B. King

1/02

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 20 1927 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

CLIFFORD HASTINGS,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1620 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

F
2

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Merrill B. King 102

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB
5
1925
1ST DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

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,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1560.

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

EK

2d

Merrill B. King

102

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY

KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES 1924 NOV 22 AM 11 14

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 24 1924 2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1924.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $1200 per annum, effective November 11, 1924 (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,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

IC
2nd

orig mailed 11/24/24 to Accounts. L. S.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass. (City.) Nov. 14 (Date.) 19 24.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Allowance of Longevity Pay.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1200 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity)

Location, Deer Island Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 11, 1924. — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1140 per annum

Location, Deer Island Light Station, Mass.

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

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated, -

Reason, -

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, September 7, 1897.

Remarks: On Nov. 10, 1924, Mr. King completed five years' continuous service in the Lighthouse Service, and it is recommended that he be granted longevity pay of $60 per annum effective November 11, 1924.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

' Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

Merrill B. King

102

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
JUN 4 - 1923
SECOND DISTRICT
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

Dellwood Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Boston Mass 5/28, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Boston, Mass.

Sir: I arrive at station about 11-a.m.
P. J. King left station 11-45 a.m.

Respectfully,
M. B. King
Keeper.

M. B. King

102

GER-SE

May 19, 1923.

Master, Mayflower:

Please notify Mr. Merrill B. King, Assistant Keeper at Butler Flats Light Station, when and where to join you a few days before June 1st for passage to Deer Island Light, of which station he is to be Keeper.

Superintendent.

COPY TO: Mr. M. B. King,
Asst.Kpr. Butler Flats L.S.
(Through Keeper)

1. Inclosed is notice of change in your salary.

2. In this connection, see letter from this office dated May 12th.

Superintendent.

COPY TO: KPR. DEER ID.

Form A-21

LIGHTHOUSES

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 MAY 16 AM 8 17

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 2d DIST. MAY 17 1923 RECEIVED BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1923.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective June 1, 1923.

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,

WM. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

11—6074

Sig. mailed 5/19

A
G
2nd

June ✓

1

GEE-SE

May 12, 1923.

Mr. M. B. King,
Assistant Keeper,
Butler Flats L.S.
(Through Keeper)

COPY TO: KEEPER, DEER ID. L.S.

Please instruct your brother in your duties.

Superintendent.

1. Referring to your letter dated May 9th.

2. The Superintendent has this date made recommendation to Washington that you be promoted and transferred to the position of Keeper of Deer Island Light Station effective June 1st.

3. Please proceed to that station a few days before June 1st and take charge of same. Have your brother instruct you in your duties as keeper of that light.

4. Please advise the office when you take charge of Deer Island Light.

Superintendent.

CEE-SE

Second

Boston, Mass. May 12 23

Transfer and promotion.

Merrill B. King — Maine

Keeper — $900. per annum.

Deer Island Light Station, Mass. — Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

June 1, 1923, — xxx

xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Keeper — $720. per annum.

Butler Flats Light Station, Mass.

- - - -

Pearl S. King May 31, 1923.

Transfer and promotion.

None.

Mr. King is a capable employee and deserving of this promotion. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station.

Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
MAY 10 1923
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

Butler Flats
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Bedford Mass. 5/9, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Boston, Mass.

Sir:- Referring to your letter of May. 7.
I would be please to accept Deer Island
Lt. Sta if offered me.

Respectfully,
M B King
Asst. Kpr.

Transfer.
C. A. Baker
Kpr.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
MAY 9 1923
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

Butler Flats
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

New Bedford, Mass. May 8, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Boston, Mass.

Sir: I would like to be considered for a transfer to Dyer Island Lt. Sta. when a vacancy occurs there.

Respectfully,
M B King
asst. Kpr.

Baker
Keeper.

GEE-SE

May 7, 1923

Asst. Keeper, Butler Flats L.S.

(Through Keeper)

1. Please advise the office if you would accept transfer and promotion to the position of Keeper of Deer Island Light Station if it was offered you. The base pay is $900. a year and the $240. a year bonus in addition.

2. An early reply is requested.

Superintendent.

Merrill B. King 102

SE

March 19, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper - Change in Salary.

Reference: Notice of Change in Salary, dated March 6, 1923.

The effective date of Change in Salary referred to above was March 18, 1923.

Superintendent.

SE

GEE-SE

1 incl.

March 7, 1923.

Keeper, Bishop & Clerks L.S.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated March 3rd.

2. Herewith is Notice of Change in Salary, effective March 16th, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at Butler Flats Light Station.

3. When your station is discontinued and the acetylene light is put in operation report to the Keeper, Butler Flats Light Station for duty.

4. You can stay aboard the tender after the change is made at Bishop and Clerks and she will land you on Butler Flats.

5. Please advise when the new light is put in operation at Bishop & Clerks.

COPY TO: KEEPER, BUTLER FLATS L.S.

Please advise when Mr. King reports for duty.

Superintendent.

COPY TO: AZALEA.

For his information.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
MAR 7 - 1923
RECEIVED
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1923.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $900 per annum to $720 per annum, effective March 16, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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.

11—6074

2nd
8

Orig. mailed 3/7

GEE-SE

March 3, 1923.

Keeper, Bishop & Clerks L.S.

1. Referring to your letter dated February 27th.

2. The Superintendent has this date made recommendation to Washington that you be transferred to the position of Assistant Keeper of Butler Flats Light Station, effective March 16th, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at that station.

3. You will be notified later when to report to Butler Flats Light.

COPY TO: KEEPER, BUTLER FLATS L.S.

Superintendent.

Inform the office when Mr. King reports for duty.

Superintendent.

GEE-SE

Second

Boston, Mass. March 3 23

Transfer, with reduction in salary.

Merrill B. King Maine

Keeper $720. per annum

Butler Flats Light Station, Mass. Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

March 16, 1923, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Keeper $900. per annum

Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.

- - - -

Hugh N. Mighill March 15, 1923.

Transfer.

None.

A letter from Mr. King, indicating his desire for transfer to this position, which involves a reduction in salary, is inclosed. Action recommended is not in violation of Section 2, Civil Service Rule I. Quarters are not provided for families of keepers at this station.

Superintendent.

COPY

Bishop & Clerks

Hyannis, Mass. 2/27/23

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of Feb. 21 - the transfer to Butler Flats it is agreeable to me.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M.B.King

Keeper

GEE-SE

February 21, 1923.

Keeper, Bishop & Clerks L.S.

1. In view of the discontinuance of the positions of keepers of Bishop and Clerks Light Station and making this an unwatched light, the exigencies of the Service require that you be transferred as Assistant Keeper of Butler Flats Lighthouse.

2. It is hoped that you will find this transfer agreeable to you and this office desires a letter stating that this transfer will be acceptable.

3. Every effort will be made to find positions for the other two keepers as vacancies occur.

4. The salary as Assistant Keeper at Butler Flats is $720. a year and the $240. bonus in addition.

Superintendent.

M. B. King

102

SI

January 3, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Merrill B. King, Keeper - Change in Salary.

Reference: Notice of Change in Salary, dated Dec. 31, 1921.

The effective date of Change in Salary referred to above was December 1, 1921.

Superintendent.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 2nd DIST.
Boston Mass.
1921 DEC 31 P 50
JAN 3 19

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 31, 1921.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $900 per annum, effective December 1, 1921.

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 HASSINGER

Chief of Appointment Division.

S
C
2nd district

GEE-SI

December 27, 1921.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
Keeper, Bishop & Clerks L.S.

The Superintendent has this date made recommendation to the Lighthouse Commissioner that you be promoted to the position of Keeper of Bishop & Clerks Light, effective December 1st.

Superintendent.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GEE-SI

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., (City.) December 27, (Date.) 1921.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, **Merrill B. King** Legal residence, **Maine**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$900 per annum.**

Location, **Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **December 1, 1921,** {[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$720 per annum.**

Location, **Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.**

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

Previous incumbent, Frederick C. Brown Services terminated, **November 30, 1921.**

Reason, **Dismissed.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. King is a capable employee and deserving of this promotion. Mr. King took charge of Bishop & Clerks Light Station on December 1, 1921, immediately after the former keeper, Mr. Brown, was dismissed from the Service. This case was considered an emergency involving the protection of life and property, which necessitated Mr. King's entering on his new duties prior to the receipt of Department authority.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

A. M. B. King

102

SI

March 18, 1920.

To: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Effective Date of Notice of Change in Salary.

1. The following information is furnished relative to effective date of Notice of Change in Salary:

NAME:	Merrill B. King
NOTICE DATE:	February 25, 1920
EFFECTIVE:	March 16, 1920

Superintendent.

9 ✓

FEB 27 1920 9 21 AM

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT FEB 27 1920 HOUSES

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 1st DIST. MASS. MAR 1 1920

February 25, 1920.

M
r. Merrill B. King,
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 $ 720. per annum, effective March 16, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at the changed rate of 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.

Second District
S
C

Orig. sent to King 3/2/20

Form 73

NOMINATION

KWS-SI

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass. (City.) February 17 (Date.), 19 20.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $720 per annum.

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 16, 1920, { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $660 per annum-

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass.

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

Previous incumbent, Clifton P. Burgess — Services terminated, March 15, 1920.

Reason, Resignation-

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. King is a capable employee deserving of this promotion.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

---

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

11—2314

SI

February 18, 1920.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
Second Asst. Keeper,
Bishop & Clerks L.S.
(Through Keeper)

You have this date been recommended for promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, salary $720 per annum with the usual bonus, effective March 16, 1920.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst. Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

Bishop & Clerks L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Hyannis Mass Nov 17 1919

NOV 18 1919

Light House Superintendent
Boston
Mass

Sir
Mr M. B. King Reported for duty
November 10-6 P.M.

F. C. Brown
Keeper

102

WBJ

ENCLOSURES - Set

October 31, 1919.

Mr. Merrill B. King,
Isleford,
Maine.

Sir:-

1. Herewith is your Appointment as Second Assistant Keeper, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Hyannis, Mass., effective as soon as you report for duty.

2. Please proceed to Hyannis and report for duty as soon as possible. Mr. Oliver M. Hinckley, of Hyannis, will transport you to the light.

3. Also enclosed is Oath of Office, which should be executed before Notary Public. Be sure to see that his official seal is impressed in the proper place.

4. The Declaration of Appointee herewith should be executed by answering each question to place marked "x". You will return first page to this office, and retain second page.

5. The Personal Question Sheet herewith should be executed by answering <u>each and every question to place marked "x"</u>, <u>in ink</u>. Be guided by pencil notations in <u>answering questions 1 to 7</u>.

6. The following papers should be returned to this office

Oath of Office
Declaration of Appointee - 1st page
Personal Question Sheet

You will retain the following

Appointment
Declaration of Appointee - 2nd page

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

COPY TO KEEPER BISHOP & CLERKS LIGHT;

Please advise office when Mr. King reports for duty.

Superintendent.

102 "K"

102 A

OCT 30 1919

LIGHT OCT 30 1919 HOUSES

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1919.

Mr. Merrill B. King,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

OCT 31 1919

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 ~~Light House Service~~ at a salary of ~~Six Hundred and Sixty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the ~~Secretary of the First Civil Service District.~~

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

MC

Oath Ret'd

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Clifton P. Burgess.

Legal Residence: Maine.

2nd

(See reverse side.)

2nd Asst Bishop + Clerks

11—8080

WBJ

October 21, 1919

Mr. Merrill B. King,
Isleford,
Maine.

Sir:-

1. You have been nominated for position of Second Assistant Keeper, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Hyannis, Mass., effective on or about November 1st, 1919. You will receive word about that date as to exactly when to report for duty.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

1st Asst. Superintendent.

Form 73

WBJ

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT,

Boston, Mass., (City.) October 20 (Date.), 1919.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment-

Name, Merrill B. King — Legal residence, Maine

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660 per annum

Location, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 1, 1919 — ~~if 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, 2 — Rating, Assistant Light-house Keeper- — Percentage, 93.2 , Other eligibles considered:

#1- J.A.Perry,Jr., (MPA), C- #3- P.Normand, C-

Previous incumbent, Clifton P. Burgess — Services terminated, October 31, 1919

Reason, Promotion

Members of family in Government Service, Father, Varney King, Keeper, LHS.

Remarks: Mr. King was not required to appear at this office owing to distance. No quarters are provided for families of Keepers at this station. No previous Government Civil service.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

---

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

11—2314

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

MMB

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 2nd DIST.,
Boston, Mass., October 15, 1919

Mr. Merrill B. King,
Islesford, Maine.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **Second Assistant Keeper, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Hyannis, Mass.**
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

OCT 20 191

Salary: $660 per annum. with $240 per annum additional until June 30, 1920.

Quarters: No quarters are provided for families of Keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture is on station.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of 45¢ per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

Eaton
Superintendent.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 4 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how many 2; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Virney King	Islesford, Me.	Position Keeper Department or office Lighthouse	Father	Married
Pearl E. King	Edgartown Mass	Position Assistant Keeper Department or office Light House	Brother	Married

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Merrill B. King

Date Oct. 17, 19

(Post-office address) Islesford, Me.

11—749

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

MAB

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 2nd DIST.,

Boston, Mass., October 15, 1919

Mr. Paul Normand,
127 Lafayette St., Fall River, Mass.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **Second Assistant Keeper, Bishop & Clerks Light Station, Hyannis, Mass.**
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

OCT 20 1919

Salary: $660 per annum. with $240 per annum additional until June 30, 1920.

Quarters: No quarters are provided for families of Keepers.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture is on station.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of 45¢ per day will be paid in addition to salary stated above.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

Eaton
Superintendent.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 15 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes if position is taken

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.
yes I will accept position as Asst Keeper at any future date or time

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." ..... If yes, state how many .....; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Paul Normand

Date .....

(Post-office address) 127 Lafayette St
Fall River Mass

11—749