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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Lavell, William, J.		1876 NY

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: 1933

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 4th District	From: 1913	To: 1916
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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- ☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
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Time Out:

Final Return:

MR. WILLIAM J. LAVELL

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Conn.

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst Kpr., Eatons Neck L. I., N.Y.	$480.	L. H.	June 6, 1912.
" " Stratford Point L.S. Conn.	480	"	Mar. 9, 1913
3rd Asst. Kpr. Navesink L.S. etc N.J.	480	"	May 1, 1914.
" " " " " " "	$528	"	May 1, 1915.
(Resigned close May 9. 191)			

INACTIVE

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville,N.Y. May 24,1912 . 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, William J. Lavell Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Eatons Neck Light-Station,N.Y.

Effective June 1st,1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty~~.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 87.0

Other eligibles considered, Walter O. Smiley - Failed to answer.
Wallace Andrews - accept.

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Louis F. Schlitt Services terminated, May 23,1912

Reason, Mr.Schlitt tendered his resignation to take effect May 31, but left station on May 23rd.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses".
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.

* See request for trans. from Bend Ireland to Eatons Neck O.L. 5/14/12 5/15/12

*Amendment by Bureau

HRW-McC.

5-29-12

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 28 1912

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

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Acting Commissioner

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

May 29, 1912.

Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

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

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CARDED.

CHANCE REPORTED JUN 1912 C. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED MAY 29 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

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D

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Louis F. Schlitt.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Carded in the Disbursing Office

RECEIVED JUN 21 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUN 17 1912

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William J. Lavell

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.

William J. Lavell
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4th day of June, A. D. 1912

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Frank L. Allen

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Assistant Keeper	$480 per annum	Eatons Neck Lt. Sta., N.Y.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) June 12, 1912 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 6, 1912 (Date)

CARDED.

(Signature, followed by title)

Supt.

[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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

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

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JUN 20 1912

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 12 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 12 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES JUN 12 1912

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUN 20 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR
CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO JUN 20 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CARD DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 20 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR G

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Mr William Joseph Lavell

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

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Bridgeport	Connecticut	Fairfield	Fourth

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

5. Where were you born? Troy N Y

6. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
October	14	1874

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

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

Mrs Adaline Schermerhorn 784 State St
Name. Number and street.
Schenectady New York
City or town. State or Territory.

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Keeper — Feb 1st 1912 Local C.S. Exam.

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

No

12. 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					

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

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Never Served at Any Time			

16. 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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Carpenter — Painter — Deck Hand — Pilot.
Marine Fireman — Locomotive Fireman.
Locomotive Engineer — Factory Foreman

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

Public School

18. 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").

Qualified for Hudson River Pilot
" " Locomotive Engineer

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

Keeper Feb. 1st " 1912
Asst Engineer, Quarter Master's Dept, April 1st " 1912

20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 3rd ", 1912

(Signature) William J Lavell

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Bridgeport
City or town.
1562 Stratford Ave
Number and street.
Connecticut
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 12, 1912, 19

(Signature)

(Official title)

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

L.H.Service Eatons Neck Lt. Sta., N.Y. Third

Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? Asst Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. May 29, 1912

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Date E.O.D. June 4, 1912

5. State the date of the oath. June 6, 1912

6. State the date the employee entered on duty.

7. What is his salary? $480.00 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

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

Local Civil Service Examination Feb 1, 1912

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department. (Signature) [signature]

(Official title)

Date: ——————, 19

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Inspector of
Third Lighthouse District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
FEB 20 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Feb.19,1913

William J. Lavell, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Eatons Neck Lt.Stn.

Referring to the recent inspection of the Light-Station at which you are employed.

The exceptional condition of the station as to cleanliness, orderliness and operation is commendable, and the fact will be entered on your record.

YATES

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

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JHG

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Feb. 25, 1913 , 191

FEB 26 1913

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee ~~has been~~ will be transferred as indicated, and ~~ordered~~ will enter upon duty at his new station on the date stated: March 9, 1913

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APPOINTMENTS FEB 27 1913 245 COMMERCE AND LABOR

$480

Name, William J. Lavell — Position, Assistant Keeper

From Execution Rock Lt.Sta., N.Y. — To Stratford Point Lt.Sta., Ct.

Previous incumbent, Henry B. Morris

Services terminated, March 8, 1913 — Reason, Resignation.

Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

Letter from Mr. Lavell requesting transfer, attached hereto.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO FEB 7 1913 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

FEB 26 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED MAR 1 - 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

J. Conway

Acting Commissioner

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. NOV 3 4 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Eatons Neck
Northport N.Y.
11/2/12

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd " Dist:
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir

I beg to state that my list of stations is as follows if there should accur any vacancys

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 26 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND L

Respectfully
William J. Lavell
Asst: Keeper Eatons Neck
Light
Northport N.Y.

Thru
Peter M. Peterson.
Keeper.

Black Rock Light Keeper
Bridgeport Harbor " "
Eatons Neck " "
Hortons Point " "
Lynde " " "
Morgan " " "
Navesink Light 2nd " or 3rd " Asst:
Old Field Point Light Keeper
Stratford Point " "
Sands " "
Watch Hill " " Asst: or "

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

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAR 14 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

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

March 11, 1913

Commissioner;-

Referring to Form 73a "Report of Transfer of Appointee", dated February 25, 1913, relative to transfer of William J. Lavell from the position of Assistant Keeper at Eatons Neck Light Station, to the position of Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station.

The Bureau is informed that Mr. Lavell entered on duty as Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station on March 9th, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
MAR 14 1913
APP'TS.
DEPT OF COMMERCE

O.K.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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MAR 15 1913
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MAR 14 1913
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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
Mch 13-1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce ~~and Labor~~ for his information.

Acting Commissioner

Wm. L. Lucas

July 31, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

I have your communication of the 23d with inclosures relative to charges against Theodore Judson, Keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut. It appears that the friction between the Keeper and the Assistant Keeper is largely personal yet the Keeper seems at fault in not conducting the work of the station in a systematic manner. Your recommendation is therefore approved that no further action be taken in this case at the present time other than to caution Judson against a continuance of the conditions described with a definite statement which should be made either by the Inspector personally or in writing that should he not show substantial improvement before the end of three months from this date more drastic action will be taken in his case.

The assistant keeper should also be advised that it is absolutely necessary for harmony to exist and he will be expected to cooperate with the keeper in the various duties at the light station.

A further report with appropriate recommendations is to be submitted by the Inspector three months hence.

(signed) William C. Redfield
Secretary.

(Original copy in file of Theodore Judson)

Called up 12/20/13

August 25, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's communication of the 19th instant, transmitting letter dated the 14th instant, and enclosures, from the Inspector of the Third Lighthouse District, in further reference to the cases of Theodore Judson and William J. Lavell, keeper and assistant keeper, respectively, of Strafford Point Light Station, Connecticut. It is noted that the trouble between the keeper and assistant keeper was made the subject of an investigation on August 7, 1913, upon the keeper's request, and it is believed that the facts brought out in the testimony confirm the opinion expressed by the Department in its letter of the 31st ultimo. The Department accordingly approves the Bureau's recommendation that the keeper and assistant keeper each be addressed a severe letter of reprimand (copies of which should be furnished the Department), and that a further report, accompanied by appropriate recommendation, be submitted in each case at the expiration of three months.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

F-C-H

Copy.

Reprimand.

August 29, 1913.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Assistant Keeper, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to the recent charges preferred by you against Theodore Judson, keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.

You are reprimanded for endeavoring to promote trouble at the station and for making grave charges against the keeper, for which there is little or no foundation, and you are warned that a continuance or recurrence of the disagreements which have occurred between you and the keeper in the past will necessitate more drastic action being taken, as the proper performance of the duties of the keepers at a light station requires that harmony exist among them.

An additional report will be made by the Inspector in your case in the near future, at which time, should you not have shown substantial improvement, further action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records of the Department, this office, and those of the Inspector as part of your official history.

(Signed) G R Putnam

Commissioner.

Bureau called Dept's attention to this case Dec. 13/1913. Lind

Copy

Jan. 26, 1914.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your communication of January 20, 1914, relative to certain trouble between the keeper and assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, and in reply I have to adgise you that the matter is being investigated and you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

Secretary.

Mr. Carlos E. Doolittle,
145 Cowles Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division

Exact copy as signed by William C. Redfield
Mailed Jan. 26, 1914 by TRS

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Lovell, William J.

January 29, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's communication of the 23rd* instant transmitting letter dated January 21, 1914, and enclosures, from the Third Inspector in regard to the conditions at Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut.

Upon careful consideration of the correspondence in this case the Department has approved the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that the keeper, Theodore Judson, and the assistant keeper, William J. Lavell, be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur or other opportunities permit.

Referring to the statement in the second paragraph of the Bureau's communication of the 23rd instant to the effect that it will prepare a further reply to the communication dated January 20, 1914, from Mr. Carlos E. Doolittle, of 145 Cowles Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, if the Department so desires, it is not thought that there is any reason for further communication with Mr. Doolittle at this time.

(SIGNED) ALBERT LEE THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

* Theodore Judson

C=M

COPY

Feb. 16 1914

Sir:

Referring again to your letter of February 9, 1914, I have to advise you that after a careful investigation of the conditions existing at the Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, the conclusion has been reached that the interests of the service will be sufficiently conserved by separating the keeper and assistant keeper by transferring them to different light stations, without taking more drastic action at this time, and this course will be followed as soon as opportunity will permit.

Respectfully,

(Signed) William C. Redfield,

Secretary.

Mr. W. J. Doolittle,
145 Cowles Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

LIGHTHOUSES--Appointment Div's. files.
Exact copy as signed by William C. Redfield
Mailed Feb 16 1914 by TRS

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Copy---F.S.R.

Copy for
William J. Lovell

File Lowell
Wm J Lowell
(also original
is returned)

April 21, 1914.

The Acting Secretary:

There is attached hereto letter dated the 16th instant from the Commissioner of Lighthouses in which it is stated that upon further investigation and careful consideration of the matter the Bureau desires to have the Department cancel its action of February 14, 1914, in transferring and reducing Theodore Judson from the position of keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, at $600 per annum, to that of keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island, at $552 per annum. It recommended that, in lieu thereof, he be allowed to remain in his present position, but that his salary be reduced to $480 per annum with the understanding that in the event it is evident he can conduct the station in an efficient and harmonious manner with a different assistant keeper, his pay will be restored to $600 per annum at the end of one year; otherwise, consideration will cross-reference will be given to the matter of his dismissal from the service. The Bureau also recommends that certain transfers and promotions incident to the previous action in Mr. Judson's case be canceled.

File of Theodore Judson

In order to understand the Bureau's recommendations a review of this case is necessary. On July 23, 1913, the Bureau forwarded a letter and enclosures from the Inspector of the Third District relative to charges and counter charges between the keeper, Theodore

Judson, and assistant keeper, William J. Lavell, of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut. As the friction between these persons appeared to be largely of a personal nature the Department approved the Bureau's recommendation that no action be taken at that time other than to reprimand both and to caution them against a recurrence of the trouble.

The Bureau again took up the matter with the Department on August 19, 1913. It enclosed a copy of the hearings which had been conducted at the station and a report of the Inspector relative thereto. In this connection the Inspector stated that the responsibility for the trouble was divided as follows:

> "The keeper for not properly laying out and systematizing the work at station and doing his share of same; by not knowing the duties that should be performed by assistant keeper, and that same should be done by him at proper and regular time, and not at such times and manner as keeper's whims might dictate; and also in imagining that because the assistant was a friend of former assistant keeper Redfield he was trying to injure him.
>
> "The assistant keeper for not trying harder to work more in harmony with the keeper; in his evident desire to create an argument, and his being on the lookout for trouble, as is shown by the fact of his keeping a diary of all the little disagreements and troubles between himself and keeper; and also for verbally making such charges as referred to in letter from keeper dated August 4th upon such little foundation for same."

The Bureau recommended that the keepers be placed on probation for three months, and if at the end of that time no improvement was shown, consideration would be given to transferring both to different stations. Under date of August 25, 1913, the Department approved the Bureau's recommendation.

On January 23, 1914, the Bureau transmitted to the Department a report from the Inspector to the effect that the trouble between the keeper and assistant keeper had not abated, and recommended that the matter be disposed of by transferring them to separate stations as soon as vacancies should occur or other appointment permit. The Bureau concurred in the Inspector's recommendation and the Department approved the same under date of January 29, 1914.

The keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island (one-keeper station), having submitted his resignation to take effect February 28, 1914, Mr. Judson was recommended for transfer thereto and an appointment was issued by the Department on February 14, 1914.

It appears that on February 20, 1914, Representative Donovan of Connecticut called at the Bureau in behalf of Mr. Judson and presented numerous communications and an affidavit from the Mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and other prominent citizens of the locality, asking that Judson be not transferred. The Department's approval was secured to postpone action on Judson's transfer until April 1, 1914, in order to give consideration to any additional facts in the case so as to remove all possibility of an injustice being done to him, and upon further requests of the Bureau the time was extended to May 1, 1914.

Other persons interested in Mr. Judson's case were Senators McLean and Brandegee; Charles Payne of Witchita, Kansas; W. J.

CROSS REFERENCE

Doolittle, Mrs. Linda A. Marston and Miss Agnes L. Judson of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

On April 7, 1914, the Third Inspector made full report and recommendation in the matter. He forwarded numerous letters and petitions in Mr. Judson's behalf, and the following extracts from his report indicate the gist of the case as it stands at present:

> "On April 2, 1914, I went to Stratford Point Light to interview Keeper Judson and Assistant Keeper Lavell, re the matter, and to determine if there was any improvement as to harmony between keeppr and assistant, and found the conditions to be as bad, if not worse, than heretofore, for which conditions both were equally responsible as heretofore. * * * Both Judson and Lavell stated that it would be impossible for them to get along peaceably together, and each had many charges of minor wrongdoings to report against the other.
>
> "On February 4, 1914, recommendations were forwarded to the Bureau for the transfer of Theodore Judson from keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Conn., to keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, R. I., and on the same date there was forwarded the resignation of Joseph O. Bouley, keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, R. I., which made the transfer of Keeper Judson to Gull Rocks Light Station possible. Since above date request has been received from Joseph O. Bouley that he be permitted to withdraw his resignation. * * As it is considered that Keeper Bouley is a much better man for the position of keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station than Keeper Judson would be, the acceptance of Bouley's resignation and transfer of Judson, would not be for the best interests of the service.
>
> "In view of Joseph O. Bouley's desire to withdraw his resignation, and to Keeper Theodore Judson's request contained in his letter addressed to the Commissioner, dated February 7, 1914, forwarded to the Bureau by this office on February 9 (marked in Mr. Judson's file herewith), that he be given one more trial, also to Mr. Judson's past record, his age, and standing in the community as vouched for by the many petitions in his behalf (letters attached), the recommendation of February 4 that he be transferred from the position of keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, to the position of keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, is hereby withdrawn, and it is recommended that he be continued as keeper of Stratford Point Light Station at a reduction in salary from $600 to $480 per annum, for a period of one year; in the event

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of his proving that he can conduct the station in a harmonious and efficient manner with a different assistant, his pay to be restored to $600 per annum at the end of one year; in the event of his having further difficulties, under above condition, he is to be dismissed from the service.

"As it is impossible to keep Assistant Keeper William J. Lavell at this station with Keeper Judson, it is recommended that he be transferred to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N. J., at a salary of $480 per annum, vice Thomas Pickup, recommended for transfer and promotion, his salary to be increased to $528 per annum, the authorized pay of the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J., at the expiration of one year, providing that during that time he has shown that he can conduct himself in a harmonious and efficient manner; if otherwise, he is to be dismissed from the service."

The Bureau's recommendations of the 16th instant follow those of the Inspector. It also proposes to transfer Assistant Keeper Lavell to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum, the rate of pay he now receives at Stratford Point, with the understanding that if his conduct and services prove satisfactory, at the end of one year he will be promoted to $528 per annum, the regular rate of pay of the position; otherwise consideration will be given to his dismissal from the service. In the event of the Department's approval, the Bureau recommends that William F. Petzold be transferred to Stratford Point Light Station to assist Mr. Judson, and in this connection states as follows:

"It is thought that Mr. Petzolt has a disposition which will make it probable that he will get along well with keeper Judson, and in this connection it is proposed, should the Department approve these recommenda-

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tions, to give Petzolt special instructions as to the necessity for preserving harmony, etc., at the station."

In a separate communication dated April 16, 1914 (attached), the Bureau requests authority to prepare letters to Senator Brandegee and Representative Donovan, for signature at the Department, advising them of the disposition of the Judson matter.

In view of all the circumstances in the case, and the wide publicity it has attracted, it is believed that the action recommended by the Bureau is reasonable and advisable.

Your instructions are respectfully requested.

(signed) Geo. W. Lindley

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Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHT HOUSES APR 15 1914

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 14, 1914 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK APR 17 1914

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, William J. Lavell — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum
Navesink Lt. Sta. and Shrewsbury

Location, River Lights, N.J. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENTS APR 18 1914 9.15

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APR 23 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Effective May 1, 1914 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas Pickup — Services terminated, April 30, 1914

Reason, Promoted. recommended Done 4/23/14 COM

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

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Secretary, *Civil Service District*

HRW-McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1914.

4-18-14

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

The Equalization of Pay Report of 1908 provides a salary of $528 per annum for the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station, etc., N.J., but it is recommended that appointment be issued to Lavell at $480 per annum, instead of $528 per annum, with the understanding that if at the end of one year he shows that he can conduct himself in an efficient and harmonious manner, his pay will be increased to the rate authorized for the position, and that in the event of his having further difficulties, consideration will be given to the matter of his dismissal from the service. See Bureau recommendation of to-day in the case of Theodore Judson.

G. E. Putnam

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

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April 25, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 16th instant* in the case of Theodore Judson, keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, and after full consideration of all the correspondence relative thereto, the Bureau's recommendations have been approved, as follows:

The Department has canceled its orders of February 14, 1914, whereby Theodore Judson would have been transferred to Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island; Arthur Jensen transferred to Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut; Edward M. Grant promoted to keeper of Faulkner Island Light Station, Connecticut; and Edward Grimo transferred to Faulkner Island Light Station, Connecticut.

A new appointment has been issued to Mr. Judson as keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, at $480 per annum, with the understanding that in the event he proves that he can conduct the station in an efficient and harmonious manner with a different assistant keeper, recommendation will be made to restore his pay to $500 per annum at the end of one year; otherwise consideration will be given to the matter of his dismissal from the service. The Bureau is authorized to address a letter to Mr. Judson informing him of the conditions imposed, a copy of the letter to be transmitted to the Department for its files.

* File B Theodore Judson

An appointment has been issued to William J. Lavell as third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum, by transfer from assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, with the understanding that if his conduct and services prove satisfactory, at the end of one year recommendation will be made for his promotion to $528 per annum, the regular pay of the position; otherwise consideration will be given to his dismissal from the service. The Bureau is also authorized to address a letter to Mr. Lavelle informing him of the conditions imposed in his case, a copy of the letter to be transmitted to the Department for its files.

No change has been made in the appointments issued on February 14 and 24, 1914, in the cases of Alexander A. Foss and William J. Doyle, as first assistant keeper and second assistant keeper, respectively, of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York.

The Department has canceled its order accepting the resignation of Joseph O. Bouley as keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island, at $552 per annum, effective at the close of February 28, 1914.

Appointments have been issued to Thomas Pickup as second assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $552 per annum, by promotion from third assistant keeper of the same station, at $528 per annum; John J. Price as second assistant keeper of Absecon Light Station, New Jersey, at $456 per annum (in accordance with the Equalization

Report of 1903), by transfer from second assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $552 per annum; and Knud Hanson as first assistant keeper of Absecon Light Station, New Jersey, at $516 per annum, by promotion from second assistant keeper of the same station, at $480 per annum.

The transfers of Edward Grime and William F. Petzelt to New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, and Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, respectively, without change in designation or pay, have been approved, it being noted that Mr. Petzelt will be given special instructions relative to the necessity for preserving order and harmony at Stratford Point Light Station.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's request of the 18th instant for authority to prepare letters to Senator Brandegee and Representative Donovan, for signature at the Department, advising them of the disposition of Mr. Judson's case.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET
Acting Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1914.

Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Third Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

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

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 24 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Thomas Pickup.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

CHANGE REPORTED MAY 1914 U.S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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MAY 8 1914
HOUSES
MAY 18 1914
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I, William J. Lavell

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.

APPOINTMENTS
MAY 18 1914

☞ William J Lavell
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 2nd day of May, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John H Sweeney

(Official title) Notary Public of N. J.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 3rd Asst. Keeper	$480 p.a.	Navesink Lt. Sta. & Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.
Former[5] Asst. Keeper	$480 p.a.	Stratford Point Lt. Sta., Conn.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), May 6, 1914 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 1, 1914 (Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

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

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

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Caution.

April 28, 1914.

APPOINTMENTS
APR 29 1914

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Assistant Keeper, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

After a very careful investigation of the recent condition of affairs at the Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, it has been decided to transfer you to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum. If your conduct and services prove satisfactory at the end of one year, consideration will be given to the matter of your promotion to the authorized pay of the position, viz., $528 per annum, otherwise, more drastic action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

(Sgd) G. O. Putnam

Commissioner.

Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 16, 1915 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, William J. Lavell — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper — Salary, * $528 per annum

Location, Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1, 1915 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 3rd Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Navesink Lt.Sta. and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.

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

Previous incumbent, William J. Lavell — Services terminated, April 30, 1915

Reason, Promotion Vice himself

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

* Regular Jury of 3rd ask.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

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Two inclosures.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

In this connection attention is invited to Department letter of April 23, 1914. Attention is invited to inclosed letters from the Third Inspector and the keeper of the Navesink Light Station, etc.

April 20, 1915.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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

April 16,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to Bureau letter of April 28,1914, addressed to William J. Lavell, assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, relative to his transfer to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at a reduction if salary, for a period of one year, from the authorized pay of that position.

The Bureau is informed that during the past year, Mr.Lavell's conduct and services have been satisfactory, and it is therefore recommended that his pay be restored to the authorized pay of the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, viz, $528.00 per annum, effective May 1st,1915.

Letter, dated April 13,1915, from the Keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, in regard to conduct and services of Mr.Lavell, is enclosed herewith.

Form 73, recommending this promotion, is forwarded to the Bureau this date.

Yates

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. APR 3/4 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

LIGHT APR 17 1915 HOUSES

Navesink, L.S.

Highlands, N.J. April 13, 1915.

Inspector:-

In reply to yours of 10th ins't, requesting report of services and conduct of 3rd Ass't Keeper, William J. Lavell ;

Mr Lavell has attended to his duties in all respects, and his conduct here has been such as to make him a desirable member of a station where so many Keeper's are employed.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1915.

Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Twenty-eight dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEAS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

CARDED

CHANGE REPORTED
MAY 1915
U. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED
APR 20 1915
ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 8 4915
CHIEF CLERK MAY 16 1915
APPOINTMENTS MAY 15 915

I, William J. Lavell

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.

William J Lavell
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 27 day of April, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Geo. E. Hardy

(Official title) Justice of Peace

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	3rd Asst. Keeper	$528 p.a.	Navesink Lt. Sta. and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.
Former[5]	do	$480 "	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) May 7, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 1, 1915 (Date)

CARDED.

(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

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

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

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Form 93 JHG

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

LIGHT APR 20 1917 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

CHIEF CLERK APR 21 1917

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 19, 1917

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William J. Lavell Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N. J.

Salary, $528.00 per annum

APPOINTMENTS APR 21 1917

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 9, 1917

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN APR 21 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. A. Lyles

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 20 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Navesink Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 18th, 1917

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd Dist
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Wishing to serve my connection with the lighthouse service.
with your approval I hear with tender my resignation to take effect May 9th 1917

Respectfully yours
WJ Larell 3rd Asst. Keeper

Forwarded and signed,
Ole N. A. Andersen,
1st Asst Keeper.

April 21, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 18, 1917, as third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $528 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of May 9, 1917.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 21 1917 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Lavell, William Joseph

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

3rd Assistant Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

6. Annual earnings:

528

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 480

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		4	1

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

New York

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month: October

Year: 1874

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

E6

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 4Connecticut

County: Fairfield

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Navesink L.Sta. Highlands

State: New jersey

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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LAVELL, WILLIAM J.

LAVELL, WILLIAM J.

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

JHG

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. May 24, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, William J. Lavell Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Eatons Neck Light-Station, N.Y.

Effective June 1st, 1912 or ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 87.0

Other eligibles considered, Walter O. Smiley - Failed to answer.
Wallace Abdrews - accept.

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Louis F. Schlitt Services terminated, May 23, 1912

Reason, Mr. Schlitt tendered his resignation to take effect May 31, but left station on May 23rd.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses".
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.

*Amendment by Bureau

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 28 1912

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

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

May 29, 1912.

Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

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

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

E S D June 6 1912

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

F
D

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Louis F. Schlitt.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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For Dept 96/20

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



Office of the Inspector of
Third Lighthouse District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Feb.19,1913

William J. Lavell, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Eatons Neck Lt.Sta.

Referring to the recent inspection of the Light-Station at which you are employed.

The exceptional condition of the station as to cleanliness, orderliness and operation is commendable, and the fact will be entered on your record.

YATES

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

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Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Feb. 25, 1913 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee ~~has~~ will be transferred as indicated, and ~~entered~~ will enter upon duty at his new station on the date stated: March 9, 1913

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 26 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Name, William J. Lavell Position, Assistant Keeper

From Eatons Neck Lt.Sta., N.Y. To Stratford Point Lt.Sta., Ct.

Previous incumbent, Henry B. Morris

Services terminated, March 8, 1913 Reason, Resignation.

Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"

Letter from Mr. Lavell requesting transfer, attached hereto.

YATES

11—4598

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 26 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

Acting Commissioner

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 12 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Dep Comm.
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Engr. Comm.
Mar. Engr.
E. C. G.
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Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

March 11, 1913

Commissioner;-

Referring to Form 73a "Report of Transfer of Appointee", dated February 25, 1913, relative to transfer of William J. Lavell from the position of Assistant Keeper at Eatons Neck Light Station, to the position of Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station.

The Bureau is informed that Mr. Lavell entered on duty as Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station on March 9th, 1913.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
Mch 13-1913

Orig Submitted to Secretary of Commerce ~~and Labor~~ for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Orig initiated by WPW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 1 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

8/1/13 Judson and Stratford Authority to Inspector abs Dept

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Commr.

July 31, 1913.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

I have your communication of the 23rd with enclosures relative to charges against Theodore Judson, Keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut. It appears that the friction between the keeper and the assistant keeper is largely personal yet the keeper seems at fault in not conducting the work of the station in a systematic manner. Your recommendation is therefore approved that no further action be taken in this case at the present time other than to caution Judson against a continuance of the conditions described with a definite statement, which should be made either by the Inspector personally or in writing, that should he not show substantial improvement before the end of three months from this date more drastic action will be taken in his case.

The assistant keeper should also be advised that it is absolutely necessary for harmony to exist and he will be expected to cooperate with the keeper in the various duties at the light station.

A further report with appropriate recommendations is to be submitted by the Inspector three months hence.

William C. Redfield

Secretary.

For action regarding Judson and Carell see folder of Theodore Judson

HRW-McC.

3 Incls.

Aug 29, 1913.

On Dept letter Aug 25-13 (See folder Judson)

Subject: Theodore Judson and Wm. J. Lavell, reprimand.

Referred to Third Inspector for his information, guidance, and files. Inclosed is a copy of reprimand written to each keeper. If at the end of three months no improvement is shown, it is at the present time thought it would be advisable, should action no more drastic be justified, to transfer both keepers to different stations, as recommended by you. You are directed to see that the schedule submitted by the keeper is a proper one and to approve the same when it has been satisfactorily prepared?

Submit appropriate report and recommendationsat the end of three months.

HRW-McC.

Reprimand.

August 29, 1913.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Assistant Keeper, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to the recent charges preferred by you against Theodore Judson, keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.

You are reprimanded for endeavoring to promote trouble at the station and for making grave charges against the keeper, for which there is little or no foundation, and you are warned that a continuance or recurrence of the disagreements which have occurred between you and the keeper in the past will necessitate more drastic action being taken, as the proper performance of the duties of the keepers at a light station requires that harmony exist among them.

An additional report will be made by the Inspector in your case in the near future, at which time, should you not have shown substantial improvement, further action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records of the Department, this office, and those of the Inspector as part of your official history.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
8/29/13
Commissioner.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

EBG
Acting Commissioner.

Copy to 3d Inspector for files

McC.

Theodore Judson &
Wm. J. Lavell, report.

December 13, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.

Referring to letters of reprimand addressed to Theodore Judson, keeper, and William J. Lavell, assistant keeper, of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, on August 29, 1913, copies of which letters were forwarded to you on the same date, stating that additional report will be made by the Inspector in these cases in the near future, etc.

Submit the reports referred to, accompanied by appropriate recommendation.

Acting Commissioner

SECRETARY JAN 22 1914

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ANSWERED JAN 26 1914 DEPT. OF COMMERCE
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CHIEF CLERK JAN 22 1914

Bridgeport, Connecticut.

January 20th 1914.

The Honorable William C. Redfield,

Secretary of Commerce,

New York City.

CHIEF CLERK JAN 22 1914
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Dear Sir:-

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LIGHT JAN 22 1914 HOUSES

I have the following statement to make in regards to a serious affair whic took place at the Stratford Point Light Station.

JAN 26

I was a visitor at that station on January 18th 1914, at about 8:30 A. M.. Mr. W. J. Lavell, Asst. Keeper whom I was visiting, suggested we take a walk to the Fog Signal Hpuse as he wanted to get a saw to saw up some wood. We went to the engine room, found the Keeper of the Station there who said to Mr. Lavell, "Start that Engine". Mr. Lavell replied, aren't you able to start the engine, Keeper? The Keeper replied, saying, "Haven't I always started them?" Mr. Lavell said, yes you have since you got broken in. The Keeper replied with the following, "You little Son of a Bitch".

Mr. Lavell turned to me and said, "did you hear what he called me?" I relied saying, "I certainly did". Mr. Judosn then turned to me, grabbing me, he pushed me against the door saying, you get out of here, I order you off the place. Mr. Lavell spoke up then and said, "Keeper, that man is my guest and behaving himself, and I object". The Keeper then left for the house saying as he left, "I'll get something that will make you go". He returned [illegible] with a revol-

Mr. Judson rushed at Mr. Lavell, pushed him, pointed the gun in his face and ordered him to his quarters. Mr. Lavell at that time getting the engine ready as had been ordered by the Keeper.

Carlos E. Doolittle
145 Cowles st.

JAN 26 1914
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD } SS.: Bridgeport, January 20, 1914.

Subscribed to and Sworn before me this day

Francis B. Huntington
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 22 1914
HOUSES

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

Dept Jr Jan 22

Jan. 21, 1914

Commissioner.

Referring to letter from this office of August 14, 1913, and letters of reprimand dated August 29, 1913, addressed to Theodore Judson, keeper, and William J. Lavell, assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut.

At 9:34 A.M. January 15th, this office received a telephone message from Keeper Judson reporting that the assistant keeper had refused to obey orders and had left the station. At 10:30 A.M., same day, a telephone message was received from the assistant keeper, stating the keeper had threatened him with a gun, that he was afraid his life was in danger and had left the station.

The following correspondence is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration.

1. Letter of Jan. 15, 1914 from Theo. Judson, Keeper.
2. Letter of Jan. 15, 1914 from W. J. Lavell, Asst. Keeper.
3. Letter of Jan. 17, 1914 from Asst. Supt. Verner.
4. Letter of Jan. 17, 1914 from Carlos E. Doolittle.

In view of the inharmonious conditions at this station, as shown by this and previous correspondence, and as it is considered that both the keeper and his assistant are equally responsible, it is recommended that both of them be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur or other opportunities permit.

The approval of the transfers recommended, which may involve a reduction in salary dependent upon what vacancies may occur, will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I.

YATES

McC.
SET inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 23, 1914.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, concurring in the recommendation of the Inspector that both Judson and Lavell be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur or other opportunities permit.

The Bureau incloses a communication dated January 20, 1914, from Mr. Carlos E. Doolittle, of 145 Cowles Street, Bridgeport, Conn., addressed to the Secretary, and a letter of acknowledgment to Mr. Doolittle prepared in this office, for signature at the Department. If the Department desires, the Bureau will prepare a final reply to Mr. Doolittle as soon as Department action is taken in the case.

JAN 26 1914

LIGHT JAN 26 1914 HOUSES

Sir:

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your communication of January 20, 1914, relative to certain trouble between the keeper and assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, and in reply I have to advise you that the matter is being investigated and you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Ltr D L 1/29/14 stating make no further reply at this time

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

JAN 27 1914

Secretary.

Copy To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville NY
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief Clerk.

Mr. Carlos E. Doolittle,
145 Cowles Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Mailed JAN 26 1914 by

Jan. 29, 1914, Dept. approved recommendation that keeper T. Judson and asst. keeper, William J. Lavell be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur. File T. Judson.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Bridgeport Feb. 8 1914.

SECRETARY
FEB 11 1914

The Honorable William C. Redfield,
Secretary. Wash. D. C.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
ACKNOWLEDGED
2/11/14
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Dear Sir,

As a Gentleman and an Officer of Our Nation. kindly read this letter and use your own good judgement.

Read by 11th
SNCP
FEB 10 1914
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HOUSES

Myself & wife have been a visitor at Stratford Point Light Station regular every month for a year, and I have been an eye witness to about every thing that has taken place there.

Namely.

The Keeper Mr. Judson has broken every rule laid down by the Government Has disregarded every order given by three inspectors, sent there by Mr. Yates to investigate & better the service & he wont listen to their orders.

Has used the most obscene language to the Asst. Keeper & called him every thing but a gentleman.

shown himself any thing but a gentleman before the Ladies at station, exposing his person before them. Has been arrested & fined in court for assault & not paying his bills. Has used Government supplies for any thing he wished, outside of the service.

Has threatened the lives of visitors & Asst. Keeper with an automatic revolver. Has got outsiders to swear falsely to every thing, to the inspectors. There is not limit to charges that can be preferred against the Keeper, by the Asst. Keeper and the two Asst. Keeper be Gone this one.

The book of rules says that if the Keeper or Asst. Keeper ~~breach~~ brake these rules there shall charges made to the proper Authorities and if proven he shall be dismissed from the service.

The present Asst. Keeper Mr. Lavell has repeatedly done this & can prove

kindly look this matter up & give these charges your unbiased opinion

P.S These charges are facts & the truth is.

Respectfully Yours

W. J. Doolittle.
145 Lowles st.
Bridgeport Conn.

(COPY)

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

January 17, 1914.

Wm J Lovell

Inspector:-

I visited the Stratford Point Light Station yesterday, as per your instructions of the 16th instant, to ascertain the cause of trouble between the Keepers of that station.

With the evidence adduced at the former investigation before me, I decided to omit, as far as practicable, any reference to or further discussion of matters already threshed out and fully discussed to little or no purpose, and to confine my investigation to the eruption of the 15th instant, its cause and the cause of former troubles, which I found to be in the present instance wholly and to some extent in former instances, an unjust and I believe an unwarranted order given the Keeper sometime ago by Mr.Luther, of which the Assistant Keeper was not advised to the effect that he (Keeper) being an old man should at no time attempt to start the engines, but should instead, direct the Assistant to do so, regardless of whose watch it might be.

A better method of stirring up strife and contention between the Keepers could not well be conceived and it has borne good fruit, though the Keeper has to considerable extent disregarded the order, insisting that he is, as I believe him to be, thoroughly competent to alone start and operate the engines. An attempted enforcement of the order, however, on the 15th instant resulted in the present trouble, and, unless soon revoked, it will bring more.

The Keeper admits that on the 15th instant, as charged, he used strong language, drew and pointed a loaded revolver at a visiting friend of the Assistant Keeper and at the Assistant Keeper himself, but contends that his actions were justified in the circumstances and necessary to rid the premises of an undesirable person whom the Assistant Keeper persisted in retaining and to enforce discipline and proper obedience on the part of the latter who had been ordered out of the engine room and to his quarters.

It is useless to repeat or to refer to the language used during the altercation, there being but little to choose between them in my opinion, both are impulsive, dictatorial and argumentative, the Keeper rather inclined to extreme measures and with an exalted idea of the importance of discipline; the Assistant to taunting and criticisms. No outside schedule of work or division of duties wholly satisfactory to both can be devised or should be attempted. The Regulations and rules of the Service are plain and well understood by both, an insistence upon a strict compliance with them; the revocation of the objectionable order referred to and a strong letter of admonition to both would, I feel sure, suffice to stop the present and future troubles as well. Both are good, active and valuable men, with but few faults and those few of but minor importance.

(SIGNED) WILDERS VERNER.
Asst. Superintendent.

(COPY)

January 19, 1914.

Referred to Mr. Luther for statement as to whether he gave Keeper orders to have Assistant start engines at all times.

(SIGNED) YATES.

January 19, 1914.

Inspector:

Re the statement of Stratford Point Light Keeper that he was ordered by me "to have the assistant, start the engines, at all times."

The keeper is mistaken. I did not give him such order or any that could be so construed.

(SIGNED) LUTHER.

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For memorandum in regard to conditions at Stratford Point L.S., Conn., and the service of Henry B. Morris and William J. Lavell at that station

see file Theodore Judson.

Extra Copy

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HOUSES

Dep. Commr.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.

File
Wm J Farrell

Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

April 23, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 16th instant in the case of Theodore Judson, keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, and after full consideration of all the correspondence relative thereto, the Bureau's recommendations have been approved, as follows:

The Department has canceled its orders of February 14, 1914, whereby Theodore Judson would have been transferred to Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island; Arthur Jensen transferred to Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut; Edward M. Grant promoted to keeper of Faikner Island Light Station, Connecticut; and Edward Grimm transferred to Faulkner Island Light Station, Connecticut.

A new appointment has been issued to Mr. Judson as keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, at $480 per annum, with the understanding that in the event he proves that he can conduct the station in an efficient and harmonious manner with a different assistant keeper, recommendation will be made to restore his pay to $600 per annum at the end of one year; otherwise consideration will be given to the matter of his dismissal from the service. The Bureau is authorized to address a letter to Mr. Judson informing him of the conditions imposed, a copy of the letter to be transmitted to the Department for its files.

An appointment has been issued to William J. Lavell as third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum, by transfer from assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, with the understanding that if his conduct and services prove satisfactory, at the end of one year recommendation will be made for his promotion to $528 per annum, the regular pay of the position; otherwise consideration will be given to his dismissal from the service. The Bureau is also authorized to address a letter to Mr. Lavelle informing him of the conditions imposed in his case, a copy of the letter to be transmitted to the Department for its files.

No change has been made in the appointments issued on February 14 and 24, 1914, in the cases of Alexander A. Foss and William J. Doyle, as first assistant keeper and second assistant keeper, respectively, of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York.

The Department has canceled its order accepting the resignation of Joseph O. Bouley as keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island, at $552 per annum, effective at the close of February 28, 1914.

Appointments have been issued to Thomas Pickup as second assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $552 per annum, by promotion from third assistant keeper of the same station, at $528 per annum; John J. Price as second assistant keeper of Absecon Light Station, New Jersey, at $456 per annum (in accordance with the Equalization

Report of 1903), by transfer from second assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $353 per annum; and Knud Hanson as first assistant keeper of Absecom Light Station, New Jersey, at $516 per annum, by promotion from second assistant keeper of the same station, at $468 per annum.

The transfers of Edward Grime and William F. Petsolt to New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, and Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, respectively, without change in designation or pay, have been approved, it being noted that Mr. Petsolt will be given special instructions relative to the necessity for preserving order and harmony at Stratford Point Light Station.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's request of the 18th instant for authority to prepare letters to Senator Brandegee and Representative Donovan, for signature at the Department, advising them of the disposition of Mr. Judson's case.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

MOC-NJW

Caution.

April 28, 1914.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Assistant Keeper, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

After a very careful investigation of the recent condition of affairs at the Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, it has been decided to transfer you to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum. If your conduct and services prove satisfactory at the end of one year, consideration will be given to the matter of your promotion to the authorized pay of the position, viz., $520 per annum, otherwise, more drastic action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

Sec
Dept. approved Rec.
recommendation of 1/23/14 that
Mrs Judson & E. K. Lasell at
Stratford be transferred.

Action in case of Judson
has been deferred by Dept
until Apr. 1, 1914, pending
further investigation in his
case.

No recommendation has
been made by Bd Supv.
for transfer of Lasell. Any
action? Rec'd 3/31/14

Recruit Judson case
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 15 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 14, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, William J. Lavell — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum
Location, Navesink Lt.Sta.and Shrewsbury River Lights,N.J. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 1,1914 — [1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas Pickup — Services terminated, April 30,1914

Reason, Promoted.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

Secretary, *Civil Service District*

HRW-McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1914.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

The Equalization of Pay Report of 1908 provides a salary of $528 per annum for the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station, etc., N.J., but it is recommended that appointment be issued to Lavell at $480 per annum, instead of $528 per annum, with the understanding that if at the end of one year he shows that he can conduct himself in an efficient and harmonious manner, his pay will be increased to the rate authorized for the position, and that in the event of his having further difficulties, consideration will be given to the matter of his dismissal from the service.

See Bureau recommendation of to-day in the case of Theodore Judson.

[1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
APR 25 19
HOUSES

April 23, 1914.

Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

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

E D May 11 1914.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Thomas Pickup.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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APR 25 1914

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
APR 17 1915
HOUSES

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

April 16,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to Bureau letter of April 28,1914, addressed to William J. Lavell, assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, relative to his transfer to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at a reduction if salary, for a period of one year, from the authorized pay of that position.

The Bureau is informed that during the past year, Mr.Lavell's conduct and services have been satisfactory, and it is therefore recommended that his pay be restored to the authorized pay of the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, viz, $528.00 per annum, effective May 1st,1915.

Letter, dated April 13,1915, from the Keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, in regard to conduct and services of Mr.Lavell, is enclosed herewith.

Form 73, recommending this promotion, is forwarded to the Bureau this date.

YATES

Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

LIGHT HOUSES APR 17 1915

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 16, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, **William J. Lavell** Legal residence, **Connecticut**

Position, **3rd Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$528 per annum**

Location, **Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **May 1, 1915** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 3rd Assistant Keeper Former salary, **$480 per annum**

Location, **Navesink Lt. Sta. and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.**

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

Previous incumbent, William J. Lavell Services terminated, **April 30, 1915**

Reason, **Promotion**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

McC.
Two inclosures.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

In this connection attention is invited to Department letter of April 23, 1914, Attention is invited to inclosed letters from the Third Inspector and the keeper of the Navesink Light Station, etc.

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
APR 22 1915
HOUSE

April 20, 1915.

Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Twenty-eight dollars per annum,

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

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

E.D. May 1, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

R
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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APR 22 1915

LIGHT
APR 23 1917
HOUSES

April 21, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 18, 1917, as third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $528 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of May 9, 1917.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APR 24 1917

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 12 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Mr William Joseph Lavell

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

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Bridgeport	Connecticut	Fairfield	Fourth

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

5. Where were you born? Troy N Y

6. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
October	14	1874

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

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

Mrs Adaline Schermerhorn 784 State St
Name. Number and street.

Schenectady New York
City or town. State or Territory.

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

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

No

12. 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					

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

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Never Served at Any Time			

16. 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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Carpenter — Painter — Deck Hand — Pilot.
Marine Fireman — Locomotive Fireman
Locomotive Engineer — Factory Foreman

To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR:

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 215, of August 2, 1910, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

William J Lavell
(Name.)

Assistant Keeper
(Position.)

U. S. L. H. S.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, June 3

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" " Locomotive Engineer

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

Keeper Feb 1st 1912

Asst. Engineer Quarter Master's Dept. April 1st 1912

20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 3rd, 1912

(Signature) William J Lavell

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Bridgeport
City or town.

1562 Stratford Ave
Number and street.

Connecticut
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 12, 1912, 19

(Signature)

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(Official title)

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

Public School

18. 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").

Qualified for Hudson River Pilot
" " Locomotive Engineer

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

Keeper Feb 1st 1912
Asst. Engineer Quarter Master's Dept. April 1st 1912

20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 3rd, 1912

(Signature) William J. Lavell

Witness:

P. O. Address: Bridgeport
City or town.
1562 Stratford Ave
Number and street.
Connecticut
State or Territory.

In case signature is by mark.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 12, 1912, 19

(Signature)

(Official title)

PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

L.H. Service Eatons Neck Lt. Sta. N.Y. Third
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) District.

2. To what position has he been appointed? Asst Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. May 29, 1912

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Date E.O.D. June 4, 1912

5. State the date of the oath.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. June 6, 1912

7. What is his salary? $480.00 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

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

Local Civic Service Examination Feb 1, 1912

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature)

(Official title)

Date: ——————, 19

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST.
MAY 12 1917
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Navesink Highlands N.J.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 11th, 1917

Light House Inspector,
Tompkinsville N.Y.

In reply to yours of May 10th in regard of William J. Lavell 3rd Asst Keeper. You are hereby informed that he left this Station May 10th 7.30 A.M.

Ole N. A. Andersen,
1st Asst Keeper.

Last day of Service May 9-1917

JHG

Ole N. A. Anderson, Lst Asst.Keeper,
Navesink Light Station,
Highlands, N. J.

May 10,1917

Report to this office promptly by mail, the date on which William J. Lavell, 3rd assistant keeper, left Navesink Light Station.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

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Form 93 JHG

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LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 19,1917 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William J. Lavell Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N. J.

Salary, $528.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 9,1917

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

Remarks:

ASPINWALL

BUTLER

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

COPY

Navesink Light Sta.,

April 18,1917

Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Wishing to serve my connection with the Lighthouse Service. With your approval I herewith tender my resignation to take effect May 9,1917.

Respectfully yours,

W. J. Lavell, 3rd Asst.Keeper,

Forwarded and signed

Ole N. A. Anderson

1st asst.Keeper

JHG

William J. Lavell, 3rd Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper,

Navesink, Lt.Sta.,

April 19,1917

Your letter dated April 18,1917 resigning your position as 3rd assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of May 9,1917.

Inspector

April 21, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated April 18, 1917, as third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $528 per annum, in the Light-house Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of May 9, 1917.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. 8—4789-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

3rd Assistant Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

6. Annual earnings: $ 48

7. Kind of appropriation: IS

8. Present rate of pay: $ 480

9. Initial rate of pay: $ 480

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute— Years:	Months:	Regular— Years:	Months:
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11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

New York

12. Race: W

13. Sex: Male

14. Date of birth— Month: October Year: 1874

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

16. Marital condition: M

17. War veteran? No

18. Appointed from— Congressional district and State: 4 Connecticut County: Fairfield

19. Civil service status: C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained: OE

21. Place of employment— City: Navesink L.Sta. Highlands State: New Jersey

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 4 1916 RECEIVED ITHACA, N.Y.

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t of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

ent of Commerce:

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nd return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.
t practicable date. Please give this matter

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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cial hours: Light House Keeper.

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f in service less than one year, state num-
and total amount of compensation received,

civil establishment of the United States. If

	From (date)	To (date)

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $ 589.80 yr.
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years 6
   High school, years None
   College or University, years None
   Special courses of study, None
   (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
   Degrees taken None
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Married.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement _____. If none so state None.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged, Congressional District, 3rd; State, New Jersey; County Monmouth
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, Yes. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, _____. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, _____. Reinstated under individual Executive order, _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

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Form A.



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Department of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

To Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce:

In order to be able to furnish certain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil employees of the United States, the Department requests that you give to the best of your ability the following information and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. _____ at the earliest practicable date. Please give this matter immediate attention.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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1. Name: William J. Lavell, Light House Keeper.
2. Character of your work during official hours: _____.
3. Total amount of compensation received from the Government during the year ended June 30, 1916; $650.80. If in service less than one year, state number of months served, _____, and total amount of compensation received, $_____.
4. Service in any other department or civil establishment of the United States. If none, so state.

Department or establishment	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)
None			

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $589.80 yr.
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years 6
   High school, years Some
   College or University, years None
   Special courses of study, (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.) None
   Degrees taken None
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Married.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement _____. If none so state None.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged, _____; State, New Jersey; County Monmouth
   Congressional District, 3rd.
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, Yes. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, _____. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, _____. Reinstated under individual Executive order, _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. APR 10 1916 RECEIVED ITHACA, N.Y.

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REQUEST

Ironsink (Station.), March 13, 1916

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 16 days of shore liberty or leave, from March 14 to March 30, inclusive, 1916. I have had 6/12 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Substitute not Required (Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

499 Mumford St. (Street or R. D. Route.), Schenectady (City.), N. Y. (State.)

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

Anderson
1st Asst Keeper in charge.

W J Lavell (Applicant's signature.)

3rd Asst Keeper (Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 16 days, from March 14 to March 30, inclusive, 1916.

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 2.00 A.M. March 14th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8.30 P.M. " 29th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 15 7/12 days.

Period charged: 15 7/12 days.

W J Lavell (Applicant's signature.)

3rd Asst Keeper (Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

Anderson
1st Asst Keeper in charge.

11—882

JHG

Ole N. A. Anderson, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Navesink Light Station,
Highlands, N. J.

April 6,1916

Report submitted by you on Form 65 for month of March,1916 states that 3rd assistant keeper William J. Lavell was on a vacation from 7:00 A.M. March 14th to 8:45 P.M., March 29,1916.

Your attention is called to the Regulations in regard to leave of absence, and to District Circular No.108 which states that Form 76 must be submitted for leave of absence taken in excess of the amount specified for each particular light station. You are directed to forward Form 76 to cover above leave of absence, and also to submit explanation as to why you failed to comply with the Regulations in regard to same.

J T YATES
Inspector

Sandy Hook Station
Highlands N. J.
April 8th 1916

Light-House Inspector;
Third District,
Tompkinsville N. Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

As per your request of the 6th inst
I attach herewith Form 76 which covers the absence
of 3rd Asst. Keeper William J. Lavell. I have refer-
red To District Circular No 108 and have noted
same. It states that it is not necessary to
submit Form 76 unless leave is taken in
excess of the allowances specified for each
particular stations. I have gone carefully
through the files and cannot find the
allowances specified for this station. I can only
find the yearly allowance of Thirty days
and after reading District Circular No 108 it was my
understanding that it was not necessary to
submit Form 76, unless the Thirty days were
exceeded. Kindly advise me the allowances
specified for this station and I can assure
you that Form 76 will be sent in hereafter as
per your request.

Yours Truly
Anderson.

P. S.
Please note I have dated Form 76 as of March 18th 1916

Ole N. A. Anderson, 1st Asst.Keeper,

Navesink Light Station,

Highlands, N. J.

April 10,1916

Referring to your letter dated April 8,1916 relative to leave of absence taken by 3rd Assistant Keeper Lavell, from March 14th to 30th, in which you state you did not think it necessary to submit Form 76 unless the 30 days allowance of leave for Navesink Light Station were exceeded.

Your attention is invited to the 2nd paragraph of District Circular letter No.108 which states it is not necessary to submit Form 76 "provided the amount of shore liberty or leave taken is not in excess of the allowance specified x x x". You state in your letter you were aware the allowance for Navesink was 30 days per annum. Your attention is further invited to Paragraph 105 (Section 10) of "Instructions to Employees" which states that shore liberty or annual leave "shall not be granted a keeper in excess of the amount accrued at the time leave is desired". As the accrued leave for January, February and March would be but 7½ days, the excess leave taken by Lavell was 8½ days. You are directed to see that the Regulations are complied with in the future.

J T YATES

Inspector

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Resigned May 9-1917

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD 75 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

Navesink Light Station
Highlands N.J.
Jan 1st 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd District
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Through 1st Asst Keeper In Charge

I wish to be transfered to the following named Station below if a vacancy should occur

X Black Rock Harbor, Light Station Keeper
X Bridgeport Harbor " " "
X Lime Rock " " "
X Old Field Point " " "
X Rose Island " " " or Asst Keeper
X Saybrook Brakewater " " "
X Sands Point " " "
X Wakaack " " " or Asst Keeper
X Watch Hill " " " or Asst Keeper

Lavell 3rd Asst Keeper

Signed and forwarded.
Anderson 1st Asst Keeper in charge.

Navesink Light Station.
Highlands N.J.
Jan 1st 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd District
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Throught 1st Asst Keeper in Charge

I wish to be transfered to the following named Station below if a vacancy should occur

Black Rock Harbor	Light Station Keeper	
Bridgeport Harbor	"	"
Lime Rock	"	"
Old Field Point	"	"
Rose Island	"	" or Asst Keeper
Saybrook Brakewater	"	"
Lands Point	"	"
Waakaack	"	" or Asst Keeper
Watch Hill	"	" or Asst Keeper

Lorell 3rd Asst Keeper

Signed and forwarded.
Anderson 1st Asst. Keeper in charge.

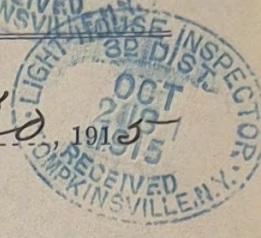
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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE





REQUEST

Navesink Sept 30, 1915
(Station.)

Lighthouse Inspector, Third District: 9

I respectfully request that I be granted Twelve days of shore liberty or leave, from Sept 30 to October 11th inclusive, 1915. I have had 5 1/8 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

None required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

499 Mumford St Schenectady N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Robt A Brand
Keeper in charge.

(William J. Lavell)
(Applicant's signature.)

3rd Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

Office of Inspector, 3rd District, Oct 2nd, 1915.

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for Twelve days, from Sept 30th 1915 to Oct 11th, inclusive, 1915.

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

In future you will obtain approval of leave desired before leaving the station.

J. G. Yates
Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 6 30 P. M. Sept 30, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 7 30 A. M. Oct 11, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 11 3/24 days.

Period charged: 11 days 3 hours days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robt A Brand
Keeper in charge.

Lavell
(Applicant's signature.)

3rd Asst: Keeper
(Title.)

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Caution.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 1 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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April 28, 1914.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Assistant Keeper, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.,
Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

After a very careful investigation of the recent condition of affairs at the Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, it has been decided to transfer you to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum. If your conduct and services prove satisfactory at the end of one year, consideration will be given to the matter of your promotion to the authorized pay of the position, viz., $528 per annum, otherwise, more drastic action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records as part of y ur official history.

Sgd G T Peterson

Commissioner.

MAY 2 1914 BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES RECEIVED

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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LIGHT
APR 22 1915
HOUSES

April 20, 1915.

Mr. William J. Lavell,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Twenty-eight dollars per annum,

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

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 73 JHG

Lavell, Wm J.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 16, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, William J. Lavell

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper

Salary, $528 per annum

Location, Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1, 1915

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

Former position, 3rd Assistant Keeper

Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Navesink Lt.Sta. and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J.

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

Previous incumbent, William J. Lavell

Services terminated, April 30, 1915

Reason, Promotion

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

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BUTLER

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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JHG

April 16,1915

Commissioner.

Referring to Bureau letter of April 28,1914, addressed to William J. Lavell, assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, relative to his transfer to the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at a reduction if salary, for a period of one year, from the authorized pay of that position.

The Bureau is informed that during the past year, Mr.Lavell's conduct and services have been satisfactory, and it is therefore recommended that his pay be restored to the authorized pay of the position of third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, viz, $528.00 per annum, effective May 1st,1915.

Letter, dated April 13,1915, from the Keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, in regard to conduct and services of Mr.Lavell, is enclosed herewith.

Form 78, recommending this promotion, is forwarded to the Bureau this date.

YATES

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COPY

Navesink L. S.,

Highlands, N.J., April 13,1915

Inspector:

In reply to yours of the 10th inst. requesting report of services and conduct of 3rd Ass't Keeper, William J. Lavell.

Mr.Lavell has attended to his duties in all respects, and his conduct here has been such as to make him a desirable member of a station where so many Keeper's are employed.

(Signed) BISHOP

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FWO/WJL

April 10,1915.

Robert A.Bishop,Keeper,
Navesink Light Station,
Highlands,N.J.

You are requested to forward to this office at your early convenience a report as to the conduct and services of Assistant Keeper William J.Lavell during the period he has been employed at the Navesink Light Station.

Yates

Wm J Lavell - 3 a lt (75)

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Pay reduced from $28

to 480 per 1 year

from May 1 - 1914

Form 76 6 Days

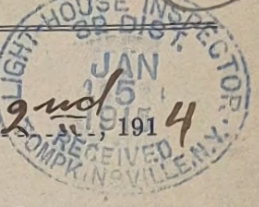
SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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REQUEST

Oaresink Light Station Dec 2nd 1914
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Dec 19th to Jan: 2nd, inclusive, 1915. I have had four days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Substitute, not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

145 Cowles St., Bridgeport, Conn.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

W J Lavell
(Applicant's signature.)

Robt A Brand
Keeper in charge.

3rd Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Dec. 5th, 1914

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 15 days, from Dec. 19th to January 2nd, inclusive, 1914.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence. The records of this office show that you had six days leave instead of 4 days as stated above.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J F Yates
Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 7 A.M. Dec 19, 1914.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 3 P.M. Jan 2, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 14 days. 8 Hrs

Period charged: 15 days.

W J Lavell
(Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robt A Brand
Keeper in charge.

3rd Asst. Keeper
(Title.)

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Cautions, 1914

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Apl. 28, 1914

W. J Larell Cautioned by Dept. and transferred to position of 3 asst. Keeper at Navesink Lt. @ $1400 per an.

See - Larell -, 1915 file

FWO-LC

(75)

March 31, 1913.

Lavell, Asst. Keeper,

Through the Keeper,

Stratford Point Light Station.

Referring to your letter March 28th requesting permission to build a hen house on the Lighthouse Reservation.

You are informed that the matter should be taken up with the inspecting officer when the station is next inspected, at which time the inspecting officer will investigate the matter and make recommendation to this office.

YATES

Sta Stratford Pt

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

(13)

Stratford Point Light Sta:
Stratford Ct:
March 13th 1913

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd Dist: Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir

I beg to State that my list of Stations is as follows if there Should accure any vacancys

Respectfully
William J Lavell

Black Rock Light Sta: Keeper
Stratford Point Light Sta: Keeper

Approved
Judson

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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(73)

Stratford Point Light Sta:
Stratford Ct:
March 13th 1913

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd Dist: Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir

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Respectfully
William J Lovell

Black Rock Light Sta: Keeper
Stratford Point " " Keeper

Approved
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Thanks to Navassa

Lavell

JHG

March 11,1913

Commissioner:-

Referring to Form 73a "Report of Transfer of Appointee", dated February 25,1913, relative to transfer of William J. Lavell from the position of Assistant Keeper at Eatons Neck Light Station, to the position of Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station.

The Bureau is informed that Mr.Lavell entered on duty as Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station on March 9th,1913.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Lavell-

(75)

Stratford, Point, Light Station,
Mar. 9th 1913

Inspector:—

Henry B. Morris retiring assistant keeper left station Mar. 8th 10 A. M. William Lavelle arrived at station 1-00 P.M. Mar. 9th and was assigned to duty.

Jackson

Lavell E O D Mar 9-1913

(15)

March 10, 1913—

Keeper- Eatons Neck Lt. Sta, reports-
that- Asst Kpr. Wm. J. Lovell left Staten
Is Stratford Point at 10 A. M. March 9th
& Asst Kpr. Wallace Andrews arrived
from Fire Island- L. S. at 11.30 A. M.
March 9th

Lee- Eatons Neck-Lt.

(75)

JHG

Feb.24,1913

William J. Lavell, Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper,

Eatons Neck Lt.Sta.

Referring to your letter of March 2nd,1912 requesting transfer to the position of Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station,Conn.

You have been selected for this position, and are hereby directed to proceed to Stratford Point Light Station and enter on duty as Assistant Keeper on March 9th,1913. Transportation is to be at your own expense.

Show this letter to the Keeper which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

The Keeper's name and address is Theodore Judson, Stratford, Conn.

YATES

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
Feb. 24,1913
Copy forwarded to Keeper of Stratford Point Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Report to this office promptly by mail the date of Mr.Lavell's entrance on duty as Assistant Keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Eatons Neck Light Sta:
Northport N. Y.
Feb 24. 1913

Light House Inspector 3rd Dist:

Sir

As I hear they are going to be a vacancy about March the 8th in the position of Assistant Keeper at Stratford Point Light Station I would like to be transfred to that Station if it is possible

Respectfully
William J. Lavell.
Asst: Keeper Eatons Neck Light Sta:

Through.
Peter M. Peterson
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Inspector of
Third Lighthouse District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Feb.19,1915

William J. Lovell, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Eatons Neck Lt.Sta.

Referring to the recent inspection of the Light-Station at which you are employed.

The exceptional condition of the station as to cleanliness, orderliness and operation is commendable, and the fact will be entered on your record.

YATES

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

Report of transfer (73)

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(75)

Eatons Neck, L.S. Nov. 5th 1912.

Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir.

I beg to state that Mr. William J. Lavell, Assistant Keeper is a most competent and suitable man to be retained in the service, as all his work is satisfactory; for permanent appointment.

Respectfully
Peter M. Peterson.
Keeper.

(73)

JHG

Nov. 4,1912

Peter M. Petersen, Keeper,

Eatons Neck Light Station,

Northport, N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of William J. Lavell, Assistant Keeper at Eatons Neck Light Station, will expire on December 5,1912. Please advise this office by return mail whether or not his services have been satisfactory, and whether he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPR. 3D. DIST.
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Eatons Neck
Northport N. Y.
11/2/12

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd Dist:
Tompkinsville N. Y.

Sir

I beg to state that my list of stations is as follows if there should occur any vacancys

Respectfully
William J Lavell
Asst: Keeper Eatons Neck Light
Northport N. Y.

Thru
Peter M. Peterson.
Keeper.

✓ Black Rock	Light	Keeper
✓ Bridgeport Harbor	"	"
✓ Eatons Neck	"	"
✓ Hortons Point	"	"
✓ Lynde " (Saybrook)	"	"
✓ Morgan "	"	"
✓ Navesink Light 2nd " or 3rd "		Asst:
✓ Old Field Point Light		Keeper
✓ Stratford "	Asst: or	Keeper
✓ Sands Point Light		"
✓ Watch Hill "	Asst: or	Keeper

Circular sent 4-11-13

JHC

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(75)

Nov.1,1912

Returned to William J. Lavell, assistant keeper of Eatons Neck Light Station, inviting his attention to Instructions to Keepers which states that all communications from assistant keepers must be forwarded through the Keeper.

Your attention is also invited to the fact that Circular Letter of Oct.23rd, called for the attached list to be rendered in duplicate.

(157)

June 6, 1912

Keeper of Eatons Neck reports that Wm. Lavelle Asst. Kpr. arrived on June 5th. and August Wenske left June 6, 1912.

See Eatons Neck.



B

Bridgeport
June 3rd 1912

Light House Inspector
3rd District
Tompkinsvill
N Y

Dear Sir
Will Start for Eatons Neck
Light Wenesday morning
June 5th if nothing happens
Your Respectfully
W J Lovell

(75)

JHG

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June 1,1912

Mr. William J. Lavell,

1562 Stratford Avenue,

Bridgeport, Conn.

Referring to letter from this office dated May 24,1912, relative to position of assistant keeper at Eatons Neck Light-Station, N.Y.

You have been appointed to this position, and are hereby directed to report for duty at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Notify this office promptly by letter of the date on which you will leave for the station.

Transportation will be at your own expense.

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,
June 1,1912
Copy to Keeper of Eatons
Neck Light-Station,for
his information.
Report to this office
promptly by mail, the date of
Mr.Lavell's entrance on duty.
YATES

Other papers see Eatons Neck.



Bridgeport (15)
June 1st 1912

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Light House Inspector
3rd District
Tompkinsville
N. Y

Wrote him orders June 1-

Dear Sir
I have Got my Furniture all packed and have Chartered a Boat to take me acrost to Eatons Neck Light and I await yours Orders Yours
Respectfully

W J Lavell
1562 Stratford Ave
Bridgeport Conn

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

(73)

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

May 29, 1912.

M. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

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

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Louis F. Schlitt.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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William J.Lavell $480.a.
Asst.Kpr.,Eatons Neck,
Light Station.

William J.Lavell, Asst.Kpr,
Eatons Neck Light Sta.,
Northport,N.Y.

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

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JHG

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Tompkinsville,N.Y. May 24,1912 , 191

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed,

Name, William J. Lavell

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper

Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Eatons Neck Light-Station,N.Y.

Effective June 1st,1912 or ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty~~ enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 2

Rating, Keeper

Percentage, 87.0

Other eligibles considered, Walter O. Smiley - Failed to answer.
Wallace Abdrews - accept.

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Louis F. Schlitt

Services terminated, May 23,1912

Reason, Mr. Schlitt tendered his resignation to take effect May 31, but left station on May 23rd.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses".
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

RUSH

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

11—2314

JHG

(75)

May 24,1912

Mr. William J. Lavell,

1562 Stratford Avenue,

Bridgeport, Conn.

Referring to your request for appointment to the position of Assistant Keeper at Eatons Neck Light-Station, N.Y.

You have been selected for this position, and are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station. Your appointment has been requested on June 1st, and it is probable orders will be sent you to report on that date, but the matter cannot be definitely settled until your appointment is received. Notification of the date will be sent you at the earliest possible date. Transportation is to be at your own expense.

The name of the Keeper is Peter N. Peterson, and his postoffice address is Northport, N.Y.

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

13

Walter O. Smiley,
660 Public St.,
Providence, R.I.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 3rd *Light-House District,*

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Place.), May 20, 1912 (Date.),

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

Assistant Keeper in class

at Eatons Neck Light-Station?N.Y.

This station is ashore
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $480. per annum per annum.

There are quarters for families of keepers who must provide their own furniture, except stoves.
(Here 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.)

Fuel 8 ton coal, 1 cord wood per year for 2 keepers Rations allowance 30¢ daily (See attached note)
(Here state allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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,

STEARNS

....., *Light-House District.*

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you, or do you decline?

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

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

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:

Wallace Andrews
Wm. J. Lavell

(*Signature:*)

(*Post-office address:*)

Date, ...,

11—749

JHG

April 27,1914

William J. Lavell, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Point Lt.Sta.,
Stratford, Conn.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of April 23, 1914 appointing you to the position of Third Assistant Keeper of Navesink Light Station,N.J.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to proceed to that station and enter on duty as 3rd assistant keeper on May 1st,1914. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

The Keeper's name and address is Robert Bishop, Highlands, N.J.

Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

YATES
Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
Apl.27,1914
Copy to keeper of Stratford Pt. Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Report to this office promptly by mail the last day of service of Lavell as assistant keeper.

YATES

JHC

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 14, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, William J. Lavell — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 3rd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Navesink Lt.Sta. and Shrewsbury River Lights, N.J. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 1, 1914 { [1]the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Stratford Point Light Station, Conn.

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

Previous incumbent, Thomas Pickup — Services terminated, April 30, 1914

Reason, Promoted.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

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YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

Lavell, 1914

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Apl. 28, 1914

W. J. Lavell Cautioned by Dept. and transferred to position of 3 asst. Keeper at Navesink Lt. @ $400 per an.

See - Lavell -, 1915 file.

William J. Lavell

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
Apl.27,1914
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YATES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) April 14, 1914 (Date.), 191

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Legal residence, Connecticut

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Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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William J.Lavell $480.a.
3 Ast.Kpr.Navesink &
Shrewsbury R.Lights.

11—2314

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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√ Judson — Stratford Pt. to Gull Rocks

X Jensen — Faulkner Is to Stratford Pt.

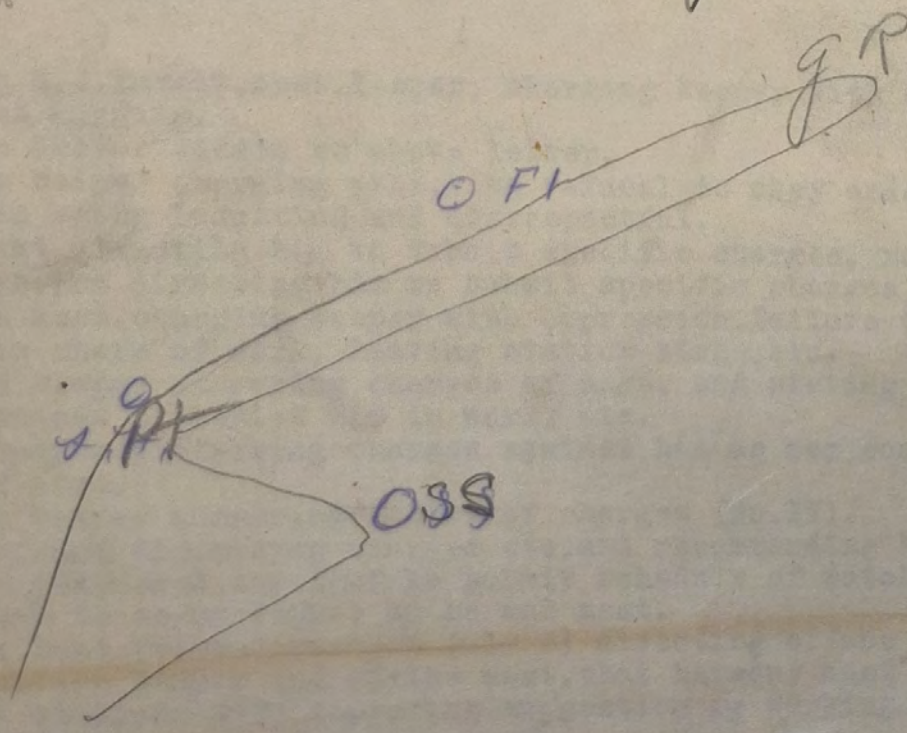
Grant — asst Kpr to Kpr Faulkner

X Greine asst — Stratford Shoal to asst Faulkner

Poss — 2d asst to 1st asst Stratford Shoal

Lavel. caution

Priv



to and from

Keeper and Assistant Keepers, Stratford Point Light Station.

1911

1 Nov.13 From C.R.Redfield, Asst.Keeper, complaining about division of work.
2 Nov.15 To Theo.Judson,Keeper, re above letter.
3 Nov.15 To C.R.Redfield advising him that new regulations cover questions asked by him, and to prefer charges against keeper if instructions not properly carried out.
4 Nov.16 From keeper starting charges of asst.are false and also that asst.accuses him of oppression.
5 Nov.17 From asst.keeper explaining his previous charges and prefering new charges against keeper.
6 Nov.22 From keeper denying charges of asst.
7 Nov.22 From keeper charging asst. with impertinence, disrespect,etc.
8 Nov.25 To asst.keeper stating he and keeper must each perform equal share of work and work in harmony, otherwise disciplinary measures will be taken against one or both for their dismissal from service.
9 Nov.25 To Keeper (Same as No.8).

1913

10-A June 24 From W.J.Lavell,Asst.Keeper, charging keeper with oppressin and nagging.
11 June 24 From Keeper Judson re above letter.
12 June 24 From keeper charging asst.with refusal to obey orders,and with being insulting and disrespectful.
13 June 25 To asst.directing him to submit specific charges, re keeper
14 June 25 To keeper directing him to submit specific charges,re asst.
15 June 28 From asst.charging keeper with oppression,failure to do his share of work, leaving station alone,etc.
16 June 28 From keeper answering charges of asst. and stating asst. refuses to assist him in work, etc.
17 July 7 To keeper preferring charges against him as per complaint of asst.
18 July 9 From keeper answering letter of charges (No.17).
10 19 July 21 To Bureau forwarding charges etc.and recommending keeper be cautioned,and that he submit schedule of watches and work to be performed by he and asst.
19 20 July 31 From Dept.(Bu.endorsement July 6) directing office to caution Keeper and advise asst.that harmony must exist at station. Also approving suggestion re working schedule.
27 Aug. 4 From keeper requesting investigation of conditions at station and stating he cannot get along with keeper.
20 Aug. 6 Telegram to keeper stating investigation would be held Aug. 7.
29 Aug.7 Testimony taken at investigation.
28 Aug.8 Affidavit of C.D.Wicks re statement made to him by former asst.keeper at this station.
26 Aug.14 To Bureau forwarding testimony etc.and recommending that keeper and asst.be reprimanded,that continuance will necessitate their transfer, etc.

From keeper re correspondence between asst.and previous as
22 Aug.12 To asst.requesting information re statement in Wicks affi-
davit.
23 Aug.12 To H.B.Morris, former asst. asking him for information re
Wicks affidavit.
24 Aug.15 From asst.stating he has no information re Wicks affidavit.
25 Aug.24 From H.B.Morris says made no statement as mentioned by
Wicks,and states reason for resigning was on account of
continued trouble with keeper.
33 Aug.25 From Dept.approved Bu's recommendation as to reprimanding
keeper and asst.,and asks for further report, with
recommendation at the expiration of 3 months.
31 Aug.29 Copy of letter of reprimand from Bu to keeper
32 Aug.29 Copy of letter of reprimand to asst from Bu.
30 Aug.29 From Bu forwarding copies of reprimand letters, and directi-
ing that it be seen that schedule submitted by keeper is
a proper one.
34 Sep.10 From keeper submits schedule of watches,duties,etc.
35 Sep.11 To keeper directing him to submit schedule stating specific-
ally work to be accomplished,etc.
36 Sept.12 From asst.asking return of letter of commendation.
37 Sept.13 To asst. returning letter of commendation.
38 Sep.18 From keeper submitting schedule of watches.
39 Sep.19 To keeper asking him to submit schedule more in detail.
40 Sep.19 To asst.asking him to submit schedule of work.
41 Sep.22 From Henry B.Morris denying he made statement as given in
affidavit of Mr.Wickes, and enclosing letter to him
from Asst.Keeper Lavell.
42 Sep.24 To Henry B.Morris, acknowledging receipt of letter.
43 Sep.24 To asst. re letter addressed to ~~him by~~ H.B.MOrris by him,
stating matter now stands closed,that he must not furnish
information to outside parties,and asking him what he
meant by statement in his letter that "I want to show
them up if I can.".
46 Sep.30 From asst.stating he meant he wanted to show up Judson and
Wicks.
44 Sep.25 From asst.submitting schedule of watches,etc.
45 Sep.25 From keeper " " " " "
47 Nov.13 To asst.enclosing for comment copy of proposed schedule of
watches, etc.
48 Nov.13 To keeper enclosing for comment copy of proposed schedule
of watches etc.
49 Nov.16 From keeper, comments on schedule.
50 Nov.17 From asst, stating schedule is agreeable to him.
51 Nov.18 To keeper enclosing schedule,and directing him to establish
same on Nov.24.,and make report at end of 2 months.
52 Nov.20 To asst.enclosing schedule,and directing him to submit
report at end of 2 months.
53 Dec.13 From Bureau calling for reports requested in letters of
reprimand addressed to keeper and asst of Aug.29.
54 Jan. 21 To Bureau enclosing copy of report of Asst.Supt.Luther re
55 working of schedule of work and watches.

letter from keeper states asst.refused to obey orders and had insulted keeper, and had left the station.

61 Jan.15 From asst. stating keeper had called him out of his name, had drawn a revolver on him, and asking an immediate investigation.

62 Jan.17 Report of Asst.Supt.Verner re cause of trouble between keeper and asst.

63 Jan.17 Affidavit of C.E.Doolittle re trouble at station on Jan. 15 between keeper and asst.and his (Doolittle's) being ordered off station.

59 Jan.19 From Inspector to Asst.Supt.Luther asking if he gave orders to keeper to have asst.start engine at all times

60 Jan.19 From asst.Supt.Luther stating he gave no such orders.

57 Jan.21 To Bureau enclosing correspondence (nos.58 to 63) re keeper and asst.,recommending that both be transferred to other stations

64 Jan.26 Copy of letter from Dept.to C.E.Doolittle re his affidavit.

65 Jan.26 From asst.submitting report called for in letter of November 20. (No.52)

66 Jan.26 From keeper submitting report called for in letter of November 18. (No.51).

67 Jan.28 From Bureau re letter of Nov.Jan.21 (Nos.54 & 55) and approving schedule of watches, work, etc.

68 Jan.29 From Dept. re letter of Jan.21,approving transfer of keeper and asst.

71 Jan.26 From asst.re hours actually worked from Nov.24 to Jan.24.

72 Jan.27 From asst. stating system of watches etc.is satisfactory to him and complaining about keeper not allowing him to keep horse in barn.

73 Jan.27 From keeper re complaint of asst.about keepering horse in barn.

74 Feb.1st From keeper stating k asst.refused to assist him to repair and start engine.

69 Feb.3 To asst.notifying him that both he and keeper would be transferred to other stations.

70 Feb.3 To keeper notifying him that both he and asst.would be transferred to other stations.

77 Feb.4 To Bureau stating keeper of Gull Rocks had resigned,that it is proposed to transfer Judson to that station,and asking approval of proposed transfer.

75 Feb.6 To keeper telling him that asst.is not to be called to start engines unless an emergency exists.

76 Feb.26 To Keeper informing him that barn should be shared between keeper and asst.

79 Feb.7 From keeper protesting against his transfer,etc.

78 Feb.9 To Bu.forwarding above letter.

80 Feb.12 Copy of memorandum re conditions at Stratford Pt. Lt. Sta. (By Mr.Yates)

letter of Feb.9 stating keeper and asst.are to be transferred.

82 Feb.19 Telegram from Bu. defer action re transfer of Judson.

83 Feb.19 Telegram from Bu. disregard previous telegram of to-day.

85 Feb.18 From A.B.Benjamin protesting against transfer of Judson.

86 Feb.21 To A.B.Benjamin giving reasons for transfer of Judson.

84 Feb.21 To Bureau forwarding copy of letter from and to Benjamin.

87 Feb.19 From keeper asking trial with agreeable man, and stating he cannot get away by March 1.

88 Feb.20 To keeper informing him that transfer is to be carried into effect as previously notified, and asking for definite information as to his intentions.

89. Feb.23 From keeper stating he cannot advise definitely.

90 Feb.20 Copy of letter from Bu.to Dept. re call of Rep.Jeremiah Donovan at Bu.office regarding transfer of Judson,and recommending that transfer be deferred, and that a conference be held with 3rd Insp.,and for Insp.to submit report and recommendation at proper time.

91 Feb.21 Telegram from Bureau, postpone action pending hearing, submit report.

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Stratford Point Lt. Station
Stratford Conn
April 9th. 1914.

April 25, 1914.

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir

W.J. LaVell, Assistant Keeper,

Through the Keeper,

Stratford Point L.S. Stratford, Conn.

Forwarded herewith is Form 9a, travel expenses, for your signature and completion.

Insert at the top of the voucher the hour of the day you left the station on April 7th. and at the bottom, the hour you returned.

In your letter of April 9th, you state that notary seal will be 25¢. You were verbally informed while at the Depot, that a postmaster would witness your signature, without charge.

Respectfully
W.J. LaVell
Asst Keeper

Before [illegible]

Stratford Pt Point Li. Station
Stratford Conn
April 9th. 1914.

Lighthouse Inspector 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir

The following is an account of my expenses from Stratford to Staten Island and return on April 7th. 1914. for the purpose of reporting at your office

Trolley Stratford to Bridgeport & Return	10¢
Steam train fair Bridgeport New York & return	$2.40
grand central South ferry & return	10¢
South ferry to Staten island & return	10¢
dinner	50¢
notary seal will be	25¢
total amount	$3.45

Respectfully
W J Lovell
Asst Keeper

He was verbally told to come a P.M. Dec 9th

Jno Dorr
Keeper

FWO/RJC.

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February 3rd, 1914.

William J. Lavell, Asst.Kpr.(Through the Keeper,)
Stratford Point Light Station, P.O.Box,
Stratford, CONN.

Referring to previous correspondence concerning conditions at Stratford Point Light Station, and the fact that the Keeper and Assistant Keeper are unable to maintain a harmonious condition at the station:

You are informed that both yourself and Keeper Theodore Judson will be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur or other opportunities permit.

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FWO/EJC.

February 3rd, 1914.

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FWO/RJC.

February 3rd, 1914.

Theodore Judson, Keeper,

Stratford Point Lt. Station,

P.O.Box 80, Stratford,CONN.

Referring to previous correspondence concerning conditions at Stratford Point Light Station, and the fact that the Keeper and Assistant Keeper are unable to maintain a harmonious condition at the station:

You are informed that both yourself and Assistant Keeper Lavelle will be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur or other opportunities permit.

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FWO/EJC.

February 3rd, 1914.

Theodore Judson, Keeper,

Stratford Point Lt. Station,

P.O.Box 80, Stratford,CONN.

Referring to previous correspondence concerning conditions at Stratford Point Light Station, and the fact that the Keeper and Assistant Keeper are unable to maintain a harmonious condition at the station;

You are informed that both yourself and Assistant Keeper Lavelle will be transferred to other stations as soon as vacancies occur or other opportunities permit.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
APR 25 1914
HOUSES

April 23, 1914.

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Mr. William J. Lavell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Third Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Thomas Pickup.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

HOUSES



April 23, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Bureau's letter of the 16th instant in the case of Theodore Judson, keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, and after full consideration of all the correspondence relative thereto, the Bureau's recommendations have been approved, as follows:

The Department has canceled its orders of February 14, 1914, whereby Theodore Judson would have been transferred to Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island; Arthur Jensen transferred to Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut; Edward M. Grant promoted to keeper of Falkner Island Light Station, Connecticut; and Edward Grime transferred to Faulkner Island Light Station, Connecticut.

A new appointment has been issued to Mr. Judson as keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, at $480 per annum, with the understanding that in the event he proves that he can conduct the station in an efficient and harmonious manner with a different assistant keeper, recommendation will be made to restore his pay to $600 per annum at the end of one year; otherwise consideration will be given to the matter of his dismissal from the service. The Bureau is authorized to address a letter to Mr. Judson informing him of the conditions imposed, a copy of the letter to be transmitted to the Department for its files.

An appointment has been issued to William J. Lavell as third assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $480 per annum, by transfer from assistant keeper of Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, with the understanding that if his conduct and services prove satisfactory, at the end of one year recommendation will be made for his promotion to $528 per annum, the regular pay of the position; otherwise consideration will be given to his dismissal from the service. The Bureau is also authorized to address a letter to Mr. Lavelle informing him of the conditions imposed in his case, a copy of the letter to be transmitted to the Department for its files.

No change has been made in the appointments issued on February 14 and 24, 1914, in the cases of Alexander A. Poss and William J. Doyle, as first assistant keeper and second assistant keeper, respectively, of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York.

The Department has canceled its order accepting the resignation of Joseph O. Bouley as keeper of Gull Rocks Light Station, Rhode Island, at $552 per annum, effective at the close of February 28, 1914.

Appointments have been issued to Thomas Pickup as second assistant keeper of Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $552 per annum, by promotion from third assistant keeper of the same station, at $528 per annum; John J. Price as second assistant keeper of Absecon Light Station, New Jersey, at $456 per annum (in accordance with the Equalization

Navesink Light Station and Shrewsbury River Lights, New Jersey, at $552 per annum; and Knud Hanson as first assistant keeper of Absecon Light Station, New Jersey, at $516 per annum, by promotion from second assistant keeper of the same station, at $460 per annum.

The transfers of Edward Grime and William F. Petzolt to New London Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, and Stratford Point Light Station, Connecticut, respectively, without change in designation or pay, have been approved, it being noted that Mr. Petzolt will be given special instructions relative to the necessity for preserving order and harmony at Stratford Point Light Station.

The Department has also approved the Bureau's request of the 18th instant for authority to prepare letters to Senator Brandegee and Representative Donovan, for signature at the Department, advising them of the disposition of Mr. Judson's case.

E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
April 30, 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Attached are letters and Copies of caution to Judson and Parcell and copies of letters to Sen. Brandegee and Rep. Donovan

Furnish Petzolt with special instructions relative to necessity for preserving order and harmony at the Stratford Point Light Station, forwarding two copies of such instructions to Bureau.

Acting Commissioner.

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Sir:

Referring to your transfer to the position of asst Keeper of Straitsmouth Island Light Station,

You are informed that considerable discord existed at this station between the ~~keeper~~ Previous keeper and assistant.

You are especially directed at this time when assuming the duties of asst. keeper at this station, to do all in your power to promote the harmony and efficiency of the station, and to remember it is in charge of asst and that the keeper responsible for the station. he may give, must be faithfully and diligently carried out by you.

and [illegible] time consider that you are not being justly or fairly treated by the keeper, you ~~in that the affairs of the station and you should do the~~ at this time quarrel with him in regard same, but you will resent any such treatment and other facts to the office through the keeper, and proper attention will be given to same.