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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Lucas, J., Harnum		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (FL)		
From: 1938	To: 1943	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0006977365

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Civilian

Remarks: Archival search 2/12

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SCREENING NOTES

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

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

CP-75

12 August, 1941

From: Commandant.
To : Commander, Jacksonville District.

Subject: Contract of employment.

Reference: (a) Your letter 25 July, 1941 (75).

Inclosure: (A) Contract of employment for A. Morrison McKinney.
(B) Contract of employment for J. Harmon Lucas.

1. The inclosures are returned herewith with Headquarters' approval. Mr. Lucas' resignation effective at the close of 31 July, 1941, may be filed in your office and his separation reported on Form 4a.

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

MAILED
AUG 12 1941

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IN REPLY REFER TO No. 75

U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

FEDERAL BUILDING

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

1940 — — — compiler

25 July, 1941.

From: Commander Jacksonville District.
To : Commandant.

Subject: Contract of employment.

Reference: (a) Contract of employment case of A. Morrison McKinney.
(b) Contract of employment case of J. Harmon Lucas.

Inclosure: (A) Reference (a), copy of.
(B) Reference (b).

1. Reference (a) has been duly executed for the employment of A. Morrison McKinney. He will enter on duty 1 August, 1941, the effective date as shown in the contract. Inclosure (A) is forwarded herewith, with the request that this action be approved.

2. Inclosure (B) is forwarded herewith for cancellation effective at the close of 31 July, 1941. J. Harmon Lucas has expressed his desire that the agreement be terminated at the close of the effective date shown.

M. J. RYAN.

Form 5

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED OR TEMPORARY POSITION



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S. C., March 1, 1938
(Place and date)

Employment has been given to J. Harmon Lucas

as lamplighter, in connection with work

in the Sixth Lighthouse District, at the rate of $ 47.00 per month plus 50¢ per hr for care, etc. of Volusia Bar Fog Signal when in actual operation

beginning March 1, 1938, ~~for a period not to exceed xxxxxxxxxx~~

~~months,~~* under the Civil Service Regulations for the Lighthouse Service. This contract supersedes all previous contracts of employment or certificates of appointment. You will have charge of a group of 9 automatic primary battery electric lights, eight of them flashing and one (1) of them a fixed light, in the St. Johns River, Florida, designated as shown on the attached list. The compensation mentioned above includes the following:

1. For personal services .....$27.00 per month
2. Quarters (in kind) ..... 20.00 per month

$47.00

As quarters in kind valued at $20 per month are furnished, the amount of your monthly check will be $27, plus 50¢ per hour as noted above.

H. L. Beck
H. L. Beck, *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

Authorized by Bureau Dec. 3, 1932, File 350
~~C. S. Reg. Sched. A, Subdiv. XI Par. 5~~

*Insert period to be employed when a limitation is required by conditions or civil service rules; strike out when no limitation required.

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service.

COPY: Dist. Mgr., 5th Civil Service District, Atlanta, Ga.

J. Harmon Lucas
J. Harmon Lucas, Lamplighter

* Paragraph 5 of Regulation VI of the Civil Service Regulations for the Lighthouse Service provides that the employment of mechanics, skilled tradesmen, and skilled laborers shall be limited to not to exceed 6 months unless they have been selected from a civil service list of eligibles.

INSTRUCTIONS.—To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office. Whenever the pay of a registered employee is changed, a new contract of employment should be prepared.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1932 11—4360

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF LIGHTS IN GROUP IN CHARGE OF

J. HARMON LUCAS, Lamplighter

12 August, 1941

Volusia Guide Piles Light 1

Volusia Bsr Range Front Light 2

Volusia Bar Range Rear Light 2
Volusia Point Shoals Light 3
Volusia South Light 5

Orange Bluff Light 14

Orange Bluff Shoal Light 18

Lake Dexter Light 22

Mud Lake Light 25

9 light at $3 each - $27.00 per month

VOLUSIA BAR FOG SIGNAL - at 50¢ per hour of actual operation

Certified to be a true copy.

W. L. MALONEY, Lieutenant, U.S.C.G.

CP-75

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/S/ N. R. STILES,
By direction.

Certified to be a true copy.

W. L. MALONEY, Lieutenant, USCG.

LUCAS, J. Harmon ——— Lamplighter

Astor, Florida, Lights. Astor, Florida 16 August, 1941.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Commander, Jacksonville District.

Submitted resignation effective at close of 31 July, 1941.

DcL 12 August, 1941 (CP-75).

N. C. RICKETTS,

Commander, USCG.

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DEPARTMENT-	ACTION	INFORMATION
Dist. Comdr.		
Chief of Staff		
Engineering		
Civil Engr.		
Intelligence		
Personnel		
CG Reserve		
Communications		
Pay		
Supplies		
Ordnance		
Mail & Files		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COAST GUARD SERVICE

SIXTH DISTRICT

23 July, 1941.

(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

7-14-41, 193

From: Commander, Jacksonville District.
To: J. Harmon Lucas, Lamplighter, Astor, Fla.

Memo.

Subject: Termination of contract; date of party of new contract.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 14 July, 1941.

1. In reply to reference (a) it is advised that a contract, similar in all respects to the one now in force between you and the Government, was forwarded Mr. A. Morrison McKinney, Astor, Florida, 17 July, 1941. The effective date of the contract, as set forth in the agreement, is 1 August, 1941.

2. In view of the above, your employment as lamplighter under the terms of contract dated 1 March, 1938, will terminate at the close of 31July, 1941.

N. G. RICKETTS,
Chief of Staff.

By August 1st 1941 I would like for him to take it
Yours Respt
J Harmon Lucas
Po Box 73
Astor
Fla

P.S. I am writing you about the Contract

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Memo. Note letter. Is Col. 7 ok?

(signed) Sullivan Rank

OF COMMERCE
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RECEIVED 15 JUL 1941 U.S. COAST GUARD Jacksonville District

SIXTH DISTRICT

Volusia Bar Fog Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

7-14-41, 193

Guard Base
ksonville Fla

the annual Report
as I am a few days
Looked it

Have you Recved a Letter from a
Mr A M McKinney? With Has asked
for the Lob hyr
he hasent had any Reply from it yet
With I would like for him to take it over
By August 1st 1941 or sooner if Possible
yours Respt

J Harmon Lucas
Po Box 73
Astor
Fla

P.S. I am away from Home to turn Days at
the time J.H.L.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ANNUAL PROPERTY
REQUISITION, AND

RECEIVED
15 JUL 1941
U. S. COAST GUARD
Jacksonville District

SIXTH DISTRICT

Volusia Bar Fog Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

7-14-41, 193

Commanding officer
US Coast Guard Base
Jacksonville Fla

Dear Sir You will find the annual Report With I am sending in as I am a few days Late with it as I over Looked it Have you Recved a Letter from a Mr A M McKinney? With I Has asked for the Lighthouse he haven't had any Reply from it yet With I would like for him to take it over By August 1st 1941 a soon if Possible

Yours Respt

J Harmon Lucas
Po Box 73
Astor
Fla

P.S. I am away from Home to two Days at the time J. H. L.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN, REQUISITION, AND RECEIPT

(FOR LIGHT ATTENDANTS AND LAMPLIGHTERS)

INSERT X IN SPACE OPPOSITE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS FORM IS USED

INSERT X BELOW	PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS FORM IS USED
X	A. ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN AND REQUISITION
	B. RECEIPT FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

From Solomons Boa Fog Station Ects ..... Lights

..... Lighthouse District

Respectfully forwarded as indicated above 14 July 1941, 192

Name J. Hamon Lucas
(Keeper)

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, ... Dist. Lights .....

.....

This space is to be used in District Office

Inventory checked by .....

Inventory approved ....., 192

Requisition approved ....., 192

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—8398

FORM 30a—ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN, REQUISITION, AND RECEIPT

NAME OF ARTICLE		1 On hand per last return	2 Received from all sources since last return	3 Total received and on hand	4 Expended since last return	5 Returned to Stores, condemned, or lost	6 On hand at date of this return	7 Required for next year
Broom Corn								
Blocks, iron, single, galv.,	in., no.	1		1			1	1
Blocks, iron, double, galv.,	in., no.							
Brushes, paint, flat, 3	in., no.	3		3			3	0
Brushes, paint, round, size,	no.							
Buff skins, Cloth	no.	1		1			1	0
Burners, hand-lantern,	no.							
Burners, post-lantern,	no.							
Burners, lens-lantern, Ammonia	no.	6		6			3	6
Cans, kerosene, empty, 5-gal.	no.							
Carriers, kerosene, brass, Step Ladder 4ft	no.	1		1			1	
Chimneys, 5th ord., imp. white,	no.							
Chimneys, 5th ord., imp. ruby,	no.							
Chimneys, post-lantern, white,	no.							
Chimneys, post-lantern, ruby,	no.							
Cones, 5th order,	no.							
Deflectors, 5th order,	no.							
Floats, lamp, 5th order,	no.							
Funnels, brass,	no.	1		1		1		
Globes, hand-lantern,	no.							
Globes, post-lantern, white,	no.							
Globes, post-lantern, ruby,	no.							
Halyard, post-lantern,	fath.							
Instructions to Employees,	no.							
Instructions on Form 19a,	no.	1	1			1		
Kerosene,	gal.	40	40	45		15	305	
Lamps, post-lantern, 1-day,	no.							
Lamps, post-lantern, 8-day,	no.							
Lamps, lens-lantern, 1-day,	no.							
Lamps, lens-lantern, 5-day,	no.							
Lanterns, hand, kerosene,	no.							
Lanterns, post-lantern, 1-day,	no.							
Lanterns, post-lantern, 8-day,	no.							
Lanterns, lens-lantern, 1-day,	no.							
Lanterns, lens-lanterns, 5-day,	no.							
Lead, red,	lb.	5	5		5	5		
Matches,	box	40	40	40	0	144		
Stove Wood		1	1		1			
Stove oil with		1	1		1			

FORM 30a—ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN, REQUISITION, AND RECEIPT

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E OF ARTICLE	1 On hand per last return	2 Received from all sources since last return	3 Total received and on hand	4 Expended since last return	5 Returned to Stores, condemned, or lost	6 On hand at date of this return	7 Required for next year	8 Remarks and Conditions (State condition when not good or serviceable.)
h graduated, 1-gal., no.								
boiled, gal.	1/2		1/2	1/4		1/4	1	
, raw, gal.	1 1/2		1 1/2			1 1/2	2	
brass, no.	3		3			3	0	
ack, gal.	3 1/2		3 1/2	1/2		3	5	
ed, gal.						3	2	
white, gal.	3		3					
paste, box	2		2		1	1	1	Lot on Board
, powder, box								
rs, straight, no.								
, fresh-water, lb.	11		11	5		6	15	
ks, hand-lantern, doz.								
cks, post-lantern, doz.	15		15	5		10	15	
icks, 5th order, doz.								
ipers, machine, no.								
OTHER PROPERTY, IF ANY.								
Cubs organs	29		29	1		28		
Cruisers Complete	100		100	79		21	16 B/	
Lamps	9		9			9		
Globes	20		20	5		15	24	
Span Flasher	1		1			1		
Lenses White	2		2			2		
Lenses Green N+T	3		3			3		
Drums 10 Gals	32		32			32		
Dust pan	1		1			1		
Extinguishers T	1		1			1		
Mops Dick	1		1			1	1	

CERTIFICATE A. **FOR ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN AND REQUISITION.**

I CERTIFY that the foregoing returns are correct and that the expenditures thereon stated made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 192 , and that the quantities shown in column on hand at this station, and that the expenditures made were necessary for the Lighthouse Service.

I also certify that the articles and quantities requested in column 7 in this requisition will be for use at this station during the next fiscal year.

Date 7-14, 1941 Name J. Hamm Lucas

Station Solomons Bar Fog Station Rating Lamplighter

CERTIFICATE B. **FOR RECEIPT FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.**

I CERTIFY that the above-named articles and quantities were received this day by me for use at this light station, and that they are of the condition named herein.

Date ....., 192 Name.....

Station ..... Rating.....

I CERTIFY that the foregoing articles were delivered and that three receipts therefor were prepared and signed.

Name.....

Date ....., 192 Rating.....

INSTRUCTIONS TO LIGHT ATTENDANTS AND LAMPLIGHTERS.

All entries in this form must be carefully checked before it is forwarded to the Superintendent. This form shall be used for the objects stated below.

A. ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN AND REQUISITION.

Prepare this form in duplicate on ..... of each year. Forward one copy to the
(Office insert date)
Superintendent within ten days from date inserted in this paragraph and retain one copy in your files. In preparing this form, use all columns Nos. 1 to 7, inclusive, and execute Certificate A above. No greater quantities of supplies are to be requested in column 7 than are actually necessary for the maintenance of the lights under your charge for one year, due consideration being given to the supplies already on hand. See paragraph 116 of "Instructions to employees."

Necessary blank forms and stationery will be furnished annually by the District Office without requisition. If supply becomes exhausted, make requisition on Form 95.

B. RECEIPT FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

In case of change of employees, the retiring employee will fill out three copies of this form, using all the columns. After the property has been checked by the incoming employee, both he and the retiring employee will sign Certificate B above in all three copies. The three copies will be distributed as follows: One to the Superintendent, one to the retiring employee, and one will be retained by the incoming employee. The salary of the retiring employee will not be paid until this return has been checked and approved by the Superintendent. See paragraph 79 of "Instructions to employees."

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J Harmon Lucas, Lamplighter,
Astor, Fla.

Subj: Termination of contract; date of employment of party of new contract.

Ref: (a) Your letter, 14 July, 1941.

1. In reply to ref (a) it is advised that a contract, similar in all respects to the one now in force between yourself and the Government, has forwarded Mr. A. Morrison McKenney, Astor, Fla., 17 July, 1941. The effective date of the contract, as set forth in the agreement, is 1 August, 1941.

In view of the above,
employment of you as lamplighter
under the terms of ~~the~~ contract
dated 1 March, 1938, will
terminate at the close of 31 July,
1941.

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24 June, 1941.

From: Commander Jacksonville District.
To : J. Harmon Lucas, Lamplighter, Astor, Fla.

Subject: Employment of relief to care for the lights on your station.

Reference: (a) Your letter 23 June, 1941.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that you can be released from your contract of employment as soon as a relief is employed. In this connection, it is requested that you ask the man you speak of in your letter, to make application by letter to this office for the position which you now hold.

N. G. RICKETTS,
Acting.

AK/ gms

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED JUN 1941 COAST GUARD

Form 42
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SERVICE CARD—VESSELS

Where employed: Volusia Bar Fog Signal, Fla.

Position: Lamplighter

Monthly pay: $27 per month 20 per mo. allowance for quarters

Full name: Joseph Harmon Lucas

P. O. address: Astor, Fla.

Height:	Weight:	Complexion:	Color of eyes:	Color of hair:	Married or single:
5' 7 1/4"	150	Dark	Dark Brown	Brown	Married

Where born:	Date born:	Race:	Citizen (Yes or no):	First papers (Yes or no):
Emporia, Fla.	Aug. 5/1906	White	yes	

Next of kin—name and relationship: M. P. Lucas (brother)

P. O. address: Astor P.O. Florida.

Disability: Notification to— M. P. Lucas "

P. O. address: Astor Fla.

Service began: March 1, 1938

Service ended:

Reason for discharge:

Reemployment recommended:

Name of predecessor: A. J. Anderson, deceased

Efficiency rating: (Mark "Excellent," "Good," "Average," or "Poor.")	Character:	Ability:	Seamanship:	Health:

J. Harmon Lucas. M. P. Lucas. at

J. HARMON LUCAS (Signature of witness.)

Certified correct and forwarded to Superintendent.

, Commanding

11—4379 J. HARMON LUCAS

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as I have a better job With I am Working on With I Can only go to Visit the light once a Month I just Cant Live on $270 a pr ~~Month~~ Month

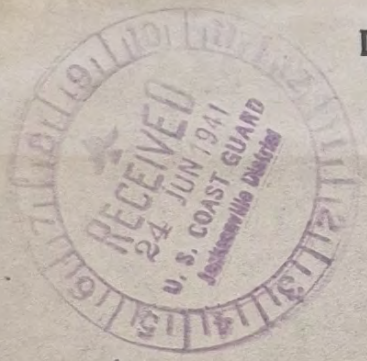
There are a Man here That Wants the Work With Would be a good Man for the Place With I will show any one What I know about it With Pleasure.

Yours Respt J Harmon Lucas

P O B 173 astor Fla

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SIXTH DISTRICT

Volusia Bar Fog Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

6-23-41, 193

Comanding officer
U.S. Coast Guard Base
Jacksonville Fla

This is to let you know that I am asking you to get some one to take my place at this station at once.

as I have a better job with I am working on with I can only go to visit the light once a Month
I just Cant Live on $270 pr ~~Mo~~ Month
There are a Man here that Wants the Work with Would be a good Man for the place with I will show any one What I know about it with pleasure
Yours Respt J Hamon Lucas
P O Box 173 astor Fla

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SIXTH DISTRICT

Volusia Bar
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

5-16-41, 193

RECEIVED
19 MAY
U. S. COAST GUARD
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Commanding Officer
U.S. Coast Guard
Jacksonville Fla

Dear Sir Will find two Copys of Forms 2390 as you asked

I have filled out all I see to fill out

Yours Respt
Harmon Lucas
(PO) 73
Asst Kpr

HLB:MSH

February 25, 1938

Mr. J. H. Lucas,
Astor, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 21 has been received. Apparently you understand the conditions under which a lamplighter is employed at Volusia Bar Fog Signal and are quite willing to accept the job, if tendered to you.

Mr. F. B. Lansing, retired light attendant, has written favorably about you and has stated his willingness to accompany you to the station in order to give you instructions in regard to the operation of the fog signal bell, should you be employed.

Before preparing a contract of employment to be effective, if practicable on March 1, 1938, it is necessary to obtain somewhat more information from you. What is your given name by which you are commonly called? Mr. Lansing states that it is Harmon, in which case, the contract of employment would be in the name of J. Harmon Lucas. Where and when were you born? How long have you lived in Florida and what is your present legal voting residence? Are there any members of your family in the Government service? If so, give name and relationship?

Please reply, if practicable, by return mail.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Asst. File
Feby 21 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouse.
Charleston S.C.

Dear Sir.

I have your letter of Feby 17 in regard to the position of lamplighter at Volusia Bar.

and Contints carefully noted. and I believe that I can Cope With and Surmount the objectionable features in Conjection With the duties required.

I admit that the pay is barely sufficient for ~~to~~ Supt of a family but I am a practical fisherman. also competend to

RECEIVED FEB 19 1938 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SIXTH DISTRICT CHARLESTON, S. C.

Feb. 17, 1938

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February 17, 1938

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s or longer on one battery renew-
and inspect the lights more fre-
hould be reported defective in
which case, he is required to proceed to it without delay and remedy the de-
fects. He must furnish his own boat and supplies for it. The pay is $3 per
month per light, or $27 per month. It is not enough for a man with a family
to live on unless he has some other occupation that will supplement his income.

A lamplighter is required to make certain simple reports to this office at the close of each month. Forms are furnished by this office, as well as stationery for his correspondence. Battery renewals and other supplies for

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repair boats and boats
Motors. Also able to do Comon
labor and alogether believe
I can make a modist living
there As to My family.
it Consists of Wife and
three year old daughter
and an infant in arms.
The daughter Will not Be
of school age for three years
yet to come. and I have
No fear of her accidental
drowning at Volusia Bar.
Sickh an accident is of course
possible but I dont Consider
it probable.
I Will accept the gob if tendered
to me and try to adjust myself
to Existing Enviroments

Very respectfully

J H Lucas.

Dasta

Fla

Applicant

HLB:MSH

February 17, 1938

Mr. J. H. Lucas,
Astor, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of Feb. 16 making application for the position of lamplighter at Volusia Bar now vacant due to the death of A. J. Anderson. Mr. F. B. Lansing who was formerly a full-time employee at Volusia Bar but is now retired addressed a letter to me on February 15 in which he mentioned the fact that you would probably apply for the job. He thinks you would soon learn the work and qualify yourself to perform the duties of the position satisfactorily. It is noted that you have a small family and it is assumed that you would expect them to live with you at Volusia Bar Fog Signal. While families have been brought up in such structures in the water at other places, I do not consider it a suitable place for children. It seems to me that there is too much danger involved of their falling overboard and drowning. Moreover, space for exercise is so restricted that the children probably would not develop properly.

As indicated above, it is expected that the lamplighter will live in the quarters at Volusia Bar and operate the fog signal during thick or foggy weather. For such operation of the fog bell, he is paid at the rate of 50¢ per hour. There is not much fog except during three months of the year. The lamplighter's salary is not supplemented very much by the operation of the fog bell. There are nine lights in the group in charge of the lamplighter at Volusia Bar. Five of them are close at hand and easily visible from the quarters. The other four are in or near Lake Dexter, the most distant one being some eight or nine miles from Volusia Bar. The lights are primary battery operated electric lights which operate six months or longer on one battery renewal. The lamplighter is not required to visit and inspect the lights more frequently than once a month unless one of them should be reported defective in which case, he is required to proceed to it without delay and remedy the defects. He must furnish his own boat and supplies for it. The pay is $3 per month per light, or $27 per month. It is not enough for a man with a family to live on unless he has some other occupation that will supplement his income.

A lamplighter is required to make certain simple reports to this office at the close of each month. Forms are furnished by this office, as well as stationery for his correspondence. Battery renewals and other supplies for

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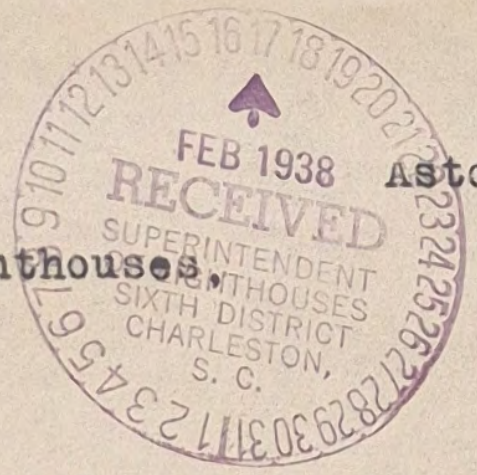
the lights are also furnished by the Lighthouse Service. The position will not be filled for several days, at least. A reply from you is expected.

Yours very truly,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY: Mr. F. B. Lansing, Astor, Fla., for his information. Please submit further recommendation relative to the employment of Mr. Lucas in the light of the foregoing.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses



Astor, Fla. February 16th / 38.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Charleston, S,C.

Dear Sir;

Knowing that the berth of lamplighter at Volusia Bar Fla, is now vacant, I would like to have that job, and hereby respectfully apply to you for the place.

I am a young man in good health and able bodied.
Have a small family. Have lived in this locality for many years past and known by all permanent residents here.
Am mechanically practical and believe that I could do the work as is necessary at Volusia Bar, tho I have had no practical experience so far in that particular line of work.

Very respectfully.

J. H. Lucas.