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Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Merry, Orrin, F.		1858 ME

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1939 CT

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Orrin Merry

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1921	To: 1922
(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

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00081297762

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Civilian

Remarks: Archival search 9/10

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☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed

☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

Orrin F. Merry.

Orrin F. Merry

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Connecticut.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper 3rd Dist Ct Barge	720.	L.H.	May 17, 1921.
" Stratford Shoal Sta Sch. Barge	840	"	May 22, 1921.
" " " " "	900	"	Dec. 1, 1921
RESIGNED CLOSE OF Feb 28, 1942			

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) May 20,1921 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Orrin F. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper (Additional)

Salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large, 3d Lighthouse District

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 17,1921 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position,

Former salary, 56

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 86.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Jerry G. Sweezy C. Elmer A. Saunders C.

Previous incumbent, John J. Horlacher Services terminated, May 9,1921

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, One - Earl G. Merry - son, single, Keeper New London Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.

Remarks: Mr. Merry has been detailed to an off shore station where no family quarters are provided.
Assignment to duty May 17,1921 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, May 27 , 1921

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

6/3/21

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 2 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1921.

Mr. Orrin F. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered (May 17, 1921) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

P
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John J. Horlacher.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.
3rd

(See reverse side.)

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS 6/16/21

1921 JUN 15 AM

LIGHTHOUSES

I, Orrin F. Merry

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.

O. F. Merry
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 13 day of June, A. D. 19 21

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) William A. Smith

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (Additional)	$720 p.a.	At large, 3rd Lighthouse District
Former [5]		

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

CARDED

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), June 14-1921 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 17, 1921 (Date)

J. Yates
(Signature and official designation) Supt. of Lighthouses 3rd Dist.

[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 on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

APPOINTMENTS 6/16/21

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 17 1921 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

1921 JUN 15 PM 4 29

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Orrin F. Merry

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper (Additional)

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third

4. Place of duty: At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $720 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

By examination for Keepers, April 1,1921

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: "Mr. John Richard Roe." If name itself is merely a letter, so state.)

Orrin Franklin Merry

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

O. F. Merry

CARDED

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

Conn	New London	Norwich Town	2nd
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Warren Maine U.S.A

7. When were you born? Jan (Month.) 19 (Day.) 1873 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

Mrs Ida N. Merry (Name.) Norwich Town Conn (Number and street.)

(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Earle G. Merry	New London	Position Light Keeper	Son	Single
		Department or office 3rd dist		
Eugene H. Merry	Little Gull Isd	Position Light Keeper	Son	Married
		Department or office 3rd dist		
		Position		
		Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) Corrected by glasses

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Marine Engineer

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Country School Education

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

Marine Engineer

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

Keepers— Apr 1-1921

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, June 11th, 1921

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) O F Merry

(Present address) Stratford Shoal Light (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 14, 1921

(Signature) J Ayres

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 MAY 26 PM 12 04

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City,) May 24,1921 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENTS

Action recommended, Promotion

1921 MAY 28 AM 9 06

Name, Orrin F. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 per annum

1921 MAY 27 PM 4 02

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 22,1921 — {'the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

Former position, (Additional) Keeper, At Large — Former salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large (Detailed to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.)

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

Previous incumbent, John J. Horlacher — Services terminated, May 21,1921

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty May 22,1921 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr.Merry entered the service on May 17,1921 as Additional Keeper at Large and since that date has been detailed at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN - 4 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

6/3/21.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1st Asst. Superintendent

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON MAY 26 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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May

r. Orrin F. Merry, June 3, 1921.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective May 22, 1921.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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JUN 20 1921

Sir:

Referring to report of assistance rendered by you on June 5, 1921, to the motor fishing boat EMMA M, with five men aboard, which dragged her anchor and drifted on the rocks in the vicinity of the station, the Department is pleased to commend you for the services thus rendered, which will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Secretary of Commerce.

Orrin F. Merry, Second Assistant Keeper,
Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, N. Y.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by
Mailed JUN 21 1921 by

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Merry entered the service on May 17, 1921 as Additional Keeper at Large and was assigned to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NEGATIVE ACTION TAKEN NOV 10 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

11/10/21

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. NOV 8 1921

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK
1921 NOV 9 PM 1 09

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

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Tompkinsville, N. Y., Nov.7,1921, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Orrin F. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $900 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 1,1921 { ~~xxxx

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

M

November 10, 1921.

r. Orrin F. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $900 per annum, effective December 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

1921 DEC 5 PM 4 17

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dec. 2,1921

SUBJECT: Effective date of changes in personnel in 3rd District.
REFERENCE: Department letter of May 19,1918.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT
1921

1. The Bureau is advised that the effective dates of recent changes in the personnel of the Third Lighthouse District, are as follows:-

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effective date.	
Orrin F. Merry	Keeper,	$900. p.a.	Promotion	11-10-21	12-1-21	Stratford Ch.
James A. Burk	Keeper	840. "	"	do	do	"
John J. Morrell	Keeper	1020. "	"	11-21-21	do	Old Orchard
William N. Roberts	Keeper	840. "	"	do	do	"

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 3 - 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

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LIGHTHOUSES

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1922 FEB 2 AM 8 38

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1922

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 4 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Orrin F. Merry Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, N. Y.

Salary, $900.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Feb. 28, 1922

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

Remarks:

CHIEF CLERK
1922 FEB 4 AM 8 07

J. A. Yates
Clerk.

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E.K.

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON FEB 2 - 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 31 1922
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
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Accepted close 2/28 Acct 1/31.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 20, 1922

Superintendent Light Houses Tompkinsville

Please Except my Resignation from this Station to take effect by March 1st or sooner hoping this will meet with your approval

yours

Orrin F. Merry
1st asst Keeper

Forwarded
McCarthy Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1922.

M
r. Orrin P. Merry,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

February 28, 1922.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Station..... Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $900 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Orrin F. Merry
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper (Additional)
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Third
4. Place of duty: At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $720 per annum
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

By examination for Keepers, April 1,1921

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: "Mr. John Richard Roe." If name itself is merely a letter, so state.)

Orrin Franklin Merry

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

O F. Merry

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

Conn (State or Territory.) New London (County.) Noank Town (City or town.) 2nd (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Warren Maine U.S.A

7. When were you born? Jan (Month.) 19 (Day.) 1873 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

Mrs Ida N. Merry (Name.) Norwich Town Conn (Number and street.)

(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Earle G. Merry	New London	Position Light Keeper Department or office 3rd dis	Son	Single
Eugene H Merry	Little Gull Isd	Position Light Keeper Department or office 3rd dist	Son	Married
		Position Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) Corrected by glasses

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Orrin F. Merry
(Name.)

Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, June 10th 1921

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(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913

Country School Education

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

Marine Engineer

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

Keepers - Apr 1 - 1921

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, June 11th, 1921

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) O F Merry

(Present address) Stratford Shoal Light Station
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 14, 1921

(Signature) J. T. YATES

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States 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 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Marine Engineer

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Country School Education

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

Marine Engineer

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Keepers - Apr 1 - 1921

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Date, June 11th, 1921

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) C. F. McEvoy

(Present address) Stratford Shoal Light Station
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 14, 1921

(Signature) W. T. YATES

(Official title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

11—6922

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Superintendent of Light Houses

Gentlemen I will Except Position as Keeper of West Bank Light Station

C. F. McEvoy
2nd Assistant
Keeper Stratford Shoals

Forwarded
H. L. McCarthy
Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 24, 1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville New York

Subject: Probation of Orrin F. Merry.

Reference: Your letter of the 15th inst.

The services of Orrin F. Merry have been satisfactory, and he is in my opinion a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

Henry K. McCarthy
Keeper

Henry R. McCarthy, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Oct. 15,1921

SUBJECT: Probation of Orrin F.Merry, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Orrin F. Merry, 2nd assistant keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, will expire on November 16,1921. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

O. F. Merry

Staten Island, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1922

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Romer Shoal Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1182.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are furnished by the Government, and if not, whether quarters can be rented in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Goverment.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? No

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

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? No

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Not until Oct 1st 1923

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

I would like my name restored to register Oct 1st/23

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Earl G. Merry	New London Conn.	Position Keeper N.L.L. Light Department or office	Son	Married
		Position Department or office		

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

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

At this time I am Chief Engineer on the Cape Cod Pier 37 East River N.Y. where I am engaged until then

(Signature) C. F. Merry

Date .....

(Post-office address) Norwich Town Conn.

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT

O. F. Merry

Staten Island, N.Y., Jan. 16, 1923 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of **2nd Asst. Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, located on Fire Island, N. Y.**
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 23 1923 3RD DIST. N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ **1062.00** per annum (which includes: Salary, $ **660.00** per annum; bonus, $ **240.00** per annum; and subsistence, **45** cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ **60.00** per annum, after **5** years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: **Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station.**
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: **Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.**
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Eligible Expires 1-31-23

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? No

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

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? No

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Not until Oct 1st 1923

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

I would like my name restored to register Oct 1st /23

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Earl G. Merry	New London	Position Keeper N.L.H. Light Department or office	Son	Married
		Position Department or office		

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

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

I am Chief Engineer on Str Cape Cod Engaged until then. we run from Pier 37 E.R. to Greenport New London and Norwich.

(Signature) C. F. Merry

Date .....

(Post-office address) Norwich Town Ct.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 6 1922
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Stratford Shoals Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Feb 28th, 1922.

Merry

Superintent of Light Houses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

please send My Check for February to the
following Adress— Norwich Town Conn.
and oblige Orrin F. Merry formaly
~~1st Ass Keeper~~ Stratford Shoals Lt

Forwarded
Henry K. McCarthy
Keeper.

Check # 31119 dated 3/1/22 in amt of 107 60
Services 2/1-28/22 mailed to Station 3/4/22
P.S 3/6/22

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 13 1922
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Straitford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 10, 1922

Superintendent of Light Houses,
Tompkinsville New York.

Subject; Neglect of duty by O.F. Merry 1st Asst Kpr.

No Entry made in Journal from Feb. 5. to Feb. 9. inclusive, during the absence of the Keeper.

McCarthy
Keeper.

Merry has resigned
No further action
Ord 3/13

Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

Staten Island, N. Y. Feb. 12, 1908
(Place and date)

SEND TO Orrie F. Berry

111 McKinley Avenue,

Norwich Connecticut

Return to Stratford Shoal at once second assistant keepers place

YATES

CHARGE Bureau of Lighthouses, WASHINGTON, D. C. Tompkinsville N.Y

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

J. T. YATES.
(Name)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, N. Y.
(Title)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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FWC-JHG

Orrin F. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 561,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Feb. 6,1922

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated January 18,1922.

1. Your attention is called to the fact this office has not yet received from you a reply to letter from this office dated January 18,1922 charging you with neglect of duty for permitting the light to go out at Stratford Shoal Light Station. You are requested to forward reply to said letter by return mail.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 31st, 1922

Per- Note under date of Jan 31st I was preferred charges but have not received any further action as he has resigned date.

Superintendent Light Houses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Subject Charges

Reference your letter Jan. 18, 1922

on the morning of Jan. 13th I was on watch and the light went out I ran up and relit it with a match which shows it had not been out more than one minute it burned good for some little time I was in the Kitchen and heard the light go out again I went up the 2nd time and could not light with match, so I put torch under the tube and came down and called the Keeper. thinking he might want to change tube, then when we got up there the tube was partly warm and in about 10 ten Minutes later the light was burning O.K. that was all about the sir(s) o'clock A.M. and there was no Boats in sight. wether the tube was dirty- or a piece of dirt or packing got into it- or a shot of water I Cant Say. but can honestly Say I was on the Job and no one can Say they ever even saw me doze on watch. but this State of affairs has happened to all hands. but that is the only time with me. to overcome this unhappy State of affairs I have Resigned from this Station after working 9 months and being Promoted to 1st Asst Keeper and have no other position in sight. C. T. Mc Carthy
1st Asst Keeper

Forworded Mc Carthy Keeper

THIRD DISTRICT

Sloat Island Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 31st, 1922

Superintendent Light Houses

Tompkinsville N.Y.

Reference upon letter Jan 18th /22

Subject Changes. on the Morning of Jan 13th I was on watch and the light went. I ran up and lit with a match which Shows it had not been out more than one minute it burned good for a little time I was in the Kitchen and heard the light go out again I went the 2nd time and could not light with match. So I put torch in under the tube and came down and called the Keeper thinking he might want to change tube, then when we got up there the tube was partly warm and in about 10 minutes later the light was burning C.K. that was about Six (6) C.C. A.M. and there was no Boats in Sight. Wether the tube was dirty or a piece of dirt got on packing got into it or a drop of water I cannot say. but can honestly I was on the Job and no one can they ever even Seen me doze while on watch. but this State of affairs has happened to all hands. but this is the only time it ever happened with Me. to overcome this unhappy State of affairs I have Resigned from this Station after Working 9 Months and being Promoted to 1st Asst Keeper and take his other position in Sight Forward.

Henry R. McCarthy, Keeper.

R. F. Mooney
1st Asst Keeper

Stalford Shoal

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Asst. Keeper Kelly —

RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED ARTICLE

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Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry.

POSTMASTER,

Per _____

Postmark clearly, showing date and office.

Form 3806. 05—6852

SIDE STATEN ISLAND N.Y. JAN REGISTERED

RETURN RECEIPT. 61236

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

H. R. McCarthy

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Wm F Pezold

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, JAN 24 1922, *19*

Form 3811 05—6116

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 26 1922 TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y. RECEIVED

SE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Orrin F. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 681,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Jan. 18,1922

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.13,1922.

1. You are hereby charged with neglect of duty in that on the morning of January 13,1922, while you were on watch, you permitted the light at Stratford Shoal Light Station to become extinguished, this being in violation of paragraph 113 of Instructions to Employees, which states that lights must be exhibited from sunset to sunrise, and apparently in violation of paragraph 112, which requires that watches be stood so as to give continuous and the best possible attention to the light when in operation.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES.

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Orrin F. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 681,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Jan. 18,1922

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.13,1922.

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3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. I. YATES

...MERCE
...OUSE SERVICE

F.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 17 1922
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Strat Yard Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 13. , 1922

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville New York

Subject. — The Light out.

O.F. Merry 1st Asst. Keeper reported to me that the Light went out about 6am this Morning. From the small amount of oil consumed during the night, I am convinced that it was out for a much longer time.

I am also convinced that the Light went out from inattention of the man on Watch, who was Merry.

Before the Expiration of his probationary Period, Merry was a fairly good man, but immediately after he became very Slack in the Performance of duty, and by Example Encourage it in others.

McCarthy
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoals
(Station, Depot or Vessel)

Jan 17th
13th, 1922

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 17 1922
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Superintendt of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

our light went out this A.M. at 4:15
got it going again at 4:20 A.M. the cause
of light going out I think the tube must of stopped
up it was nearly light and there was no Steamers
to be seen.

Orrin F. McEvoy

Merry

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWC-JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1922, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Orrin F. Merry

Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut

Station, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, N.Y.

Salary, $900.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Feb. 28, 1922

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

Remarks:

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

(Last day of Service 2/28/22
See letter from Keeper attached
to papers of N. P. Wesbecker)

FWC-JHO

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1922, 19

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Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut

Station, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, N.Y.

Salary, $900.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Feb. 28, 1922

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

Remarks:

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Mess

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

Orrin F. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Feb. 1,1922

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 30,1922.

1. Your letter dated Jan.20,1922 resigning your position as 1st asst.Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.,has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of February 28,1922.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COPY:MBM.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOU SE SERVICE.

Third District.
STRATFORD SHOALS
Jan. 30th, 1922.

Superintendent Lighthouses Tompkinsville

Please accept my resignation from this station to take effect by March 1st, or sooner, hoping this will meet with your approval.

Yours

(sgd.) ORRIN F. MERRY

1st. Ass't.Keeper.

Forwarded
(SGD.) MCCARTHY KEEPER.

Keeper in charge.

11—882 (Title.)

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Attach to resig.

of 07 Merry

Superintendent

Tom Ku

Shoal

11, 1922

RECEIVED MAR 16 1922 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Feb. 28. I Ha... dated

left the Stat... Keeper

Was incorrect, ...alement

the Mail, and ... received

Embark, Could not take him, because of the

heavy Sea running at that time, and he

did not get away from the Station Until March 4.

1922. But Merry Was relived from duty at

the Close of Feb. 28. '22

McCarthy

Keeper

THIRD DISTRICT

Stat. Ford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 11, 1922

Superintendent of Light houses
Tom Knoxville New York

In a letter to your Office dated Feb. 28. I stated that Merry 1st Asst Keeper left the Station on that date, this statement was incorrect, as the Passing Boat that received the Mail, and on which Merry was about to Embark, could not take him, because of the heavy Sea running at that time, and he did not get away from the Station Until March 4. 1922. But Merry was relieved from duty at the Close of Feb. 28. '22

McCarthy
Keeper

MAR 10 1922 SUPERINTENDENT of LIGHTHOUSES TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. RECEIVED

LIGHTHOUSES
1922 FEB 4 PM 3 48

February 4, 1922.

M

r. Orrin S. Merry,

Through the

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on February 28, 1922.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Station..... Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $900 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Absence begun: At ... M. ... 1922

Returned to duty: At ... M. ... 1922

Certified correct and forwarded.

A C 3rd

Keeper in charge.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 17 1922 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Stratford Shoals, Jan 14th, 1922
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted Sixty (60) days of shore liberty or leave, from Feb 1st to April 1st, inclusive, 1922 I have had Not any 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:

~~New London Turnpike~~ ~~Norwich Town~~
(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:

New London Turn Pike, Norwich Town, Conn
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

Orrin F. Merry
(Applicant's signature.)

Henry P. McCarthy Jan. 14, '22 1st Assistant Keeper
Keeper in charge. (Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Jan. 17, 1922, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby ~~approved for~~ disapproved ~~days from~~ ~~to~~, inclusive, 191

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

J. T. YATES,

Inspector, Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ____ M. ____, 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ____ M. ____, 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ____ days.

Period charged: ____ days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

11—882 (Title.)

1. Endorsement

Stratford Shoal Light

Station

Jan. 14. '22

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

The applicant states that he does not intend to return to this Station after this leave of absence expires as he has pull enough to get a better Light Station.

I recommend that this leave Will be granted Without Pay

McCarthy Keeper

Disapproved—

Supt Thos Lyndale 1/17

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 29 1921 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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REQUEST

Stratford Shoals Light Sta (Station.), 191

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 14 days of shore liberty or leave, from Nov 11th to Nov 25th, inclusive, 1921 I have had 52 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:

(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:

Norwich, Town (Street or R. D. Route.) Conn (City.) (State.)

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

Henry K. McCarthy
Keeper in charge.

Orrin F. Merry
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Dec. 28, 1921, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 14 days, from Nov. 11th to Nov. 25th, inclusive, 1921.

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

J. T. YATES

Inspector, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1 P.M. Nov 11th, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 9 A.M. Nov 25th, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 14 days.

Period charged: 13½ days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Henry K. McCarthy
Keeper in charge.

Orrin F. Merry
(Applicant's signature.)

1st Asst Keeper
(Title.)

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Orrin F. Merry, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dec. 12,1921

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.
REFERENCE: Your telegram Nov.23,1921.

1. Referring to your absence from duty from November 11th to 25th; you are directed to forward to this office Form 76, in duplicate, to cover your entire absence from the station during the month of November. In future, when your absence from duty exceeds the monthly allowance of the station at which you are employed, you are directed to promptly submit Form 76 to cover the entire time you were away from the station.

J. T. YATES.

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Orrin F. Merry, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Nov.16,1921
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
(Through the Keeper)
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 10th,1921 promoting you to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on December 1,1921.

J. T. YATES.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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November 10, 1921.

r. Orrin F. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective December 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) Nov.7,1921 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Orrin F. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $900 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $840 per annum

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, John J. Horlacher Services terminated, Nov.30,1921

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr.Merry entered the service on May 17,1921 as Additional Keeper at Large and was assigned to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed.

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

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1921, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Orrin F. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lightheuses

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

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $840 per annum

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, John J. Horlacher — Services terminated, Nov.30,1921

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr.Merry entered the service on May 17,1921 as Additional Keeper at Large and was assigned to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed.

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

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,
----------, N. Y., May 31, 1921.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Orrin F. Merry

Position, Keeper

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.

Effective May 22,1921

Former position, Additional Keeper, At Large

Location, [illegible]

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

Previous appointment, Terminated, May 21, 1921

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Merry entered the service as Additional Keeper at Large and since that date has been detailed at Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employe in the grade at that station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed. No other employee of district desired transfer to this position. He was appointed. [illegible]

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

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LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Orrin F. Merry, June 3, 1921.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 720 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective May 22, 1921.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.), May 24, 1921 (Date.), 191

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Orrin F. Merry — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 per annum

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 22,1921 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Additional Keeper, At Large — Former salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large (Detailed to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.)

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

Previous incumbent, John J. Horlacher — Services terminated, May 21,1921

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, Assignment to duty May 22,1921 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Remarks: Mr.Merry entered the service on May 17,1921 as Additional Keeper at Large and since that date has been detailed at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Orrin F. Merry, Additional Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

May 24,1921

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. You are advised you have been promoted to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and been taken up by this office as having entered on duty in that position on May 22,1921.

E. F. YATES

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1921 JUN 7 AM 11 55

June 3, 1921.

Mr. Orrin F. Merry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter on (May 17, 1921) duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John J. Horlacher.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.
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(See reverse side.)

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In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 1 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

May 28, 1921.

Subject: 3d Supt's. Form 73, May 20, 1921, probationary appointment Orrin F. Merry, additional keeper, at large.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for statement of the emergency which necessitated the assignment of Merry to duty on May 17, prior to receipt of Department authority (Regs. 1918, Art. 406). Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
June 1,1921

1. Returned to Commissioner, statement of emergency, which was omitted through oversight, having been added to Form 73.
For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

Form 206 File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District,

Place, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Date, May 27,1921, 191

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,

Bridgeport, Conn.

Sir:

Please examine Orrin F. Merry, Additional Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 48; height, 5 feet, 7-1/2 inches;

weight, 160 pounds; color of hair, Brown and gray; color of eyes, gray

distinguishing marks, Scar on top of head 2 inches.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

J. J. YATES

Supt.3rd L.H.Dist. *Lighthouse Inspector.*

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(Signature of applicant:)

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

B

Witnessed by Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.S.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place,

Date, , 191

To Lighthouse Inspector,

Sir: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 27,1921

Orrin F. Merry, Additional Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Sheal Lt.Sta.

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

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

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 24,1921

Henry R. McCarthy.....Keeper
Stratford Shoal Lt.....Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper...Orrin F. Merry....., and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate:-

Born in (Country or State)..Main...U.S.A.
Age....48.....
Height...5.....feet.....7½..inches.
Weight.....160.....pounds
Color of hair..Brown and Gray
Color of eyes...Gray.....
Distinguishing marks...Scar - top of head. 2 in.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

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

Henry R. McCarthy.....Keeper.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) May 20,1921 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) Probationary appointment.

Name, Orrin F. Merry

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper (Additional)

Salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large, 3d Lighthouse District

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 17,1921

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

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 86.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Jerry G. Sweezy C. Elmer A. Saunders C.

Previous incumbent, John J. Horlacher Services terminated, May 9,1921

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, One - Earl G.Merry - son, single, Keeper New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Remarks: Mr.Merry has been detailed to an off shore station where no family quarters are provided.
Assignment to duty May 17,1921 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
F. W. Ockenfels

Secretary. *Civil Service District.* 1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Secretary, 2nd C. S. District,
Custom House,
New York, N. Y.

May 19,1921

SUBJECT: Eligible List of Keepers.

1. Referring to Forms 73 forwarded to you this date recommending the appointment of George H. Clarke to the position of keeper of Pecks Ledge Light Station and of Fred Hainsworth to the position of keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station; you are advised that Orrin F. Merry whose name is No.5 on page 2 of eligible list of keepers, was not considered for either of these positions for the reason he had been previously selected for another position and been ordered to report for duty, but this office has not yet received information as to his arrival at the light station and so has been unable to forward his nomination. This nomination will be forwarded immediately upon receipt of the necessary information as to date of Mr.Merry's entrance on duty.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

Norwich Town Conn.
May 19-1921

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
Dear Sir-

Your letter of inquiry receive
this a.m. Mr. Merry received May 11.
to report to the Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light.
Mr. Merry left May 12th for Bridgeport.
arriving in Bridgeport could not get in touch
with the Keeper. Keepers wife Mrs. Hobson in-
formed him there was no way to
reach him, and that he would have
to wait until Sunday when the Keeper

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 20 1921
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 17, 1921

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Harold K Hobson
Keeper

Merry E & OD May 17-1921

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would come ashore.

Sunday a. m. Keeper telephoned to Mr. Merry that he was at home and would go out to the light monday morning at seven o'clock. Mr. Merry left Sunday afternoon May 15th and it was 9-30 monday morning before Keeper could be found. Received a card from Mr. Merry. May 18. saying the Keeper had had promised to go to the light at 6-P.M. of May 17.

Sincerely with this to let you know as far as Mr Merry was concerned he would have been at the light May 12th. Respectfully Mrs Orrin F. Merry

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 20 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 17, 1921

Supt, Sir.

Orrin F. Merry reported for duty as Additional Keeper on May 17-1921

Harold K Hobson
Keeper.

V c f.s.

Merry E & D May 17-1921

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P.S. 5/21/21

FWO-JHG

Mr. Orrin F. Merry,
Norwich Town,
Connecticut.

May 18,1921

SUBJECT: Position as Additional Keeper at Large.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated May 10,1921.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated May 10,1921 stating you had been selected for the position of Additional Keeper for detail to Stratford Sheal Light Station, and directing you to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date. You are advised that no report of your arrival at the station has as yet been received by this office. Kindly inform this office by letter, by return mail as to the cause of delay in reporting for duty, and also as to the date on which you expect to arrive at the station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

May 18,1921

Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of Stratford Sheal Light Station. If Mr.Merry has arrived at the station, report the date of his arrival to this office by return mail, as directed by endorsement of May 10,1921.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

FWC-JHG

Mr. Orrin F. Merry,
Norwich Town,
Connecticut.

May 10,1921

SUBJECT: Position as Additional Keeper at large.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office May 7,1921.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of Additional Keeper At Large in this District, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at Stratford Shoal Light Station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges 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 are Harold K. Hobson, Bridgeport, Conn.

F. T. YATES.

Superintendent

Copy forwarded for his information, to the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr. Merry reports for duty as Additional Keeper.

F. T. YATES.

Norwich Town Conn.
May 16th 1921

Light House Department

Gentlemen

I received some papers to fill out as 2nd assistant keeper on Stratford Shoals light and another as adational keeper I filled them both out saying yes to both but perfered the former. have heard nothing since. will you please let me hear if you got them all O.K. and if you think I am to receive the appointment soon? The same day I got your papers I had a job offered me Engineering and was advised to give it up as my appointment would soon follow which I did and it leaves me unimployed now. hoping to hear from you soon

Yours Very Respectfully

Orrin F. Merry

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SUPERINTENDENT MAY 1921 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

FWO-JHG

Mr. Orrin F. Merry,
Norwich Town,
Connecticut

May 7,1921

SUBJECT: Employment at Stratford Shoal Light Station.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 6,1921.

1. It is expected that you will be selected for the position of Additional Keeper for detail to Stratford Shoal Light Station. You will be furnished with definite information within the next few days as to whether or not you have been selected for the position referred to.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Mr. Orrin F. Merry,
Norwich,
Connecticut.

March 24,1922

SUBJECT: Reinstatement.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 23,1922.

1. You are advised it is impracticable to state when there may be a vacancy for which you could be considered for reinstatement as assistant keeper.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Norwich Conn.

March 23rd 1922

Superintdant of Light Houses

Tompkinsville

New York



Dear Sir on the 15th of this month I wrote you asking to be Reinstated in the Light House Service have heard nothing as yet. I would very much like to be Reinstated and will except any Station what you see fit to send me. hoping to get reply Soon as I am waiting for same before going away.

Yours Very Respectfully

Orrin F. Meany

formerly 1st Asst Keeper Stratford Shoals.

TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPT. OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 16 1922
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Merry entered service May 17,1921 as Additional Keeper at Large, assigned to Stratford Shoal. Promoted to 2nd Asst. same station May 22,1921, and to 1st asst. same station Dec.1,1921. Charges were preferred against him for permitting the light to go out, but he tendered his resignation and same was accepted, effective Feb.28,1922. Record otherwise O.K. Efficiency 93%.

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Norwich Town Conn
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 15, 1922

Superintendent of Light Houses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Gentlemen

Subject Reinstatement

I would like to Reinstated as 1st asst or Keeper of any Station you may have two where there is a Vacancy. yours

Respectfully
Orrin F. Merry
formerly 1st Asst Keeper at Stratford Shoals.

P.S. My Adress will be Norwich Town Conn
Phone 664-3)