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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
Meyer, Robert, S.		1868 FL

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):
1945 FL	

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	
Lighthouse Service (FL)	
From: 1889	To: 1933
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:	Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No
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MEYER, ROBERT S.

Robert S. Meyer

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retired 2/1/33

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the INSPECTOR 7TH L. H. Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Light-Houses,

The ~~Light-House Board~~,

Washington, D. C.

Oct. 18, 1910.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. Robert S. Meyer (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Florida, (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Anclote Keys light-station, Fla.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $ 640.p.a. (Salary now paid) to (7) Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Anclote Keys light-station and Anclote River light, NO.1, Fla.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ ~~720~~ $720 p.a. (Salary recommended), effective beginning (10) Nov. 20, 1910., ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ (the date
~~XXXXXXXX

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

Washington November 16, 1910.

M. Robert S. Meyer,

Throughthe Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, Keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station and Anclote River Light No. 1, Florida, in the Light-House Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective beginning November 20, 1910, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station, Florida, at $640 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING

Acting Chief Clerk.

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Appropriation:

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Robert S. Meyer -
charges against.

March 14, 1911.

The Inspector of

The Seventh Lighthouse District,

Key West, Florida.

Sir:

1. Referring to Department letter of January 23, 1911, indorsed to you by the Bureau, in re charges of former assistant keeper Klingner against Robert S. Meyer, keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station, Florida.

2. The Bureau requests to be informed of the measures being taken relative to those charges.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

HSB

Second April 26, 1911.

Robert S. Meyer - charges against.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, for his information and in connection with Department letter of January 23, 1911, requesting that David D. Klingner be requested to submit charges against Keeper Meyer. It is recommended, in view of the fact that none of the numerous charges made by Klingner are substantiated, that no further action be taken in Meyer's case.

Commissioner.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA."

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAY 1 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

D. D. Klinger,
Anclote Keys, L-S, Fla.

April 28, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the Bureau's letter of April 17, 1911, relative to charges made by D. D. Klinger, former assistant keeper of Anclote Keys, etc., Light-Station, Fla., against the keeper of that station, it is respectfully stated that the charges referred to, together with the reply of Mr. Robert S. Meyer, the keeper, and letter making report and recommendation, were forwarded from Key West to me at New Orleans, La., for signature, on April 12, 1911, and, when received, the letter was signed, and mailed to the Bureau.

Very respectfully,

Commander, U. S. N., Retd.,
Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

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COPY

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1911.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's letter of the 26th ultimo enclosing charges against Robert S. Meyer, keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station and Anclote River Light No.1, Florida, preferred by David D. Klingner, formerly assistant keeper of that station, and Mr. Meyer's reply thereto, and recommending that no further action be taken in the case.

In response the Department has to state, after careful consideration, that it is not fully satisfied that Mr. Meyer is entirely blameless, and therefore directs that the Seventh Inspector be instructed to observe his conduct and work for the next 60 days, and submit a report at the end of that time.

Respectfully,

(S) Benj. S. Cable.
Acting Secretary.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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5/11/11 Orig indorsed to 7th Insp for his information, guidance & file, Stamp # 13.

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ROBERT S. MEYER,
report -

JULY 17, 1911.

The Inspector of

The Seventh Lighthouse District,

Key West, Florida.

Sir:

1. Referring to Department letter of May 10, 1911, relative to the charges preferred against Robert S. Meyer, keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station, etc.

2. I have to state that the Bureau has not received the reports called for by the Department letter in question, and to request that this matter receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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MEYER ROBERT S.

Dept Aug 28 1911 states that no action will be taken in re charges preferred against him for former Asst Kpr Klingner.

Aug 29, 1911, above letter ind to 7 Inspr

Meyer, K. S.

(Cross Reference)
commendation
For ~~basis of this action~~ see
letter dated Oct 16, 1912
in file of 1638

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Assistance rendered at
Anclote Keys L.S.

February 3, 1913.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
FEB 6 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

I quote below for your information, a letter reporting assistance rendered by the Keepers of Anclote Keys Lightstation to a watchman who was ill on board a schooner.

Dibrell

Inspector.

Anclote Keys Lightstation

January 31,1913.

Mr. Dibrell, Inspr, 7th L.H.Dist.
Key West, Fla.

Sir;

On the morning of January 7,1913 we heard fog horn signals of distress. Going down on the wharf we noticed a schooner with flag at half mast and went on board at once. Name of schooner. Abbie Dodge of Tampa, Fla. Found on board that the watchman had been ill for several days without medical aid or a small boat to go to town. He begged us to take him to shore which we did at once and put him in care of some parties to take him to town. He was very greatful for our assistance.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) R.S.Meyer, Keeper

C.H.Lopez, Asst. Keeper.

Robert S. Meyer

For commendation see letter of June 30, 1913, in file

Chas. H. Williams.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 22 1913
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JUL 21 1913

Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you on June 23, 1913, to a party in a motor boat, which was aground, and to two men in another motor boat, which had drifted near the Anclote Keys Light Station, after the engine had become disabled, the Department commends you for the assistance rendered by you in these cases and will note the fact on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,
Keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station
and Anclote River Light No. 1, Fla.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Mailed JUL 21 1913 by G.G.M.

(Cross Reference)

For basis of this action see

letter dated July 8, 1913

in file of 1472-E

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (City.) January 27 (Date.) 1914.

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 30 1914

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 6 1914

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, **Robert S. Meyer.**

Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Keeper.**

Salary, **$600. A.**

Location, **Anclote River Lights, Fla.**

Appropriation, **Salaries: Keepers of Lighthouses.**

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

Former position, Keeper.

Former salary, **$720. A.**

Location, **Anclote Keys L. S. and Anclote River No. 1.**

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

Previous incumbent, New position. Services terminated,

Reason,

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: This transfer is recommended at the request of Mr. Meyer, whose letter is attached.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Dimmitt
Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 14 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1914.

M. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $720 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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FEB 19 1914

EWD June 10, 1914.

July 10, 1914, 7th Inspr. commended the following keepers and asst. keepers, See File Chas. G. Johnson.

Merrill A. Bethel
Chas. H. Williams
Henry L. Shannahan
Robert S. Meyer
Thomas A. Moody
Clifton H. Lopez
C. Johnson
C. W. Elden
Sinton D. Johnson

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Anclote Keys L.S., Fla.
3. Name Meyer, Robert S., 4. Where born Florida.
5. Age 41 yrs. 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $640. pa. 8. When appointed (a) Oct. 1, 1889. (Appointment dated Oct. 10, 1889.)
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from: State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Hillsboro.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends light , and keeps station in order.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (d) 0.9 Quality of work (e) Good. Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; good interest manifested.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 5 - 1909, 19

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Meyer, Robert S., 2. Age 43 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $720. p.a. 6. Where employed Anclote Keys L.S., and Anclote River No.1 Lt., Fla.

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct.10,1889. 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount ---

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends lights (main, and 1 beacon light-lens-lantern - about 1/2 mile from main light), and keeps station in order.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them --

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	90	2	1	80
Quality of work	85	3	2	55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2	55
Attendance		~~2~~		
Total		8 ~~10~~	6	90
Average percentage				86

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Manifests interest in the work of his station, to the extent of work overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. -----

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? ------

20. Remarks: (e) No.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

A E Johnson
Supt., 7th L.H.District.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C F Eaton
Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H. Dist.

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Chief of Bureau or Office.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 MAY 6 AM 9 02

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 3, 1926.

Commendation.

Rep'd in Bulletin June 1, 1926

Mr. R. S. Meyer, Keeper Anclote Keys Lightstation, Tarpon Springs, Florida.

1. Referring to your letter of April 26, 1926, relative to the recovery by you and your son of Buoy No. 4 with ballast ball and a piece of chain.

2. This office takes pleasure in commending you for this service rendered the government, which was not a part of your regular duties, and desires to express its appreciation of the evident interest manifested by you on this occasion. The fact that you have been commended will be brought to the attention of the Bureau and made a part of your official record.

W. W. Bruett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Hydro
Radio
Engr. Comm.
Insp. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm. Asst.
Supply Comm.
Insp.

Copy for the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

January 13, 1927.

Anclote Keys L H

In accordance with the Deputy Commissioner's instructions, I telephoned Mrs. Willebrandt's office at the Department of Justice and spoke to Mrs. Smith regarding a visit to the Bureau by George Herrin for information as to the name of the lighthouse keeper at Anclote Keys Light Station, (whose name is Robert S. Meyer)

Mrs. Smith did not at first know anything about this matter or about Mr. Herrin, but she made inquiry and later said that apparently they did have a "ship case" on this matter and that the Coast Guard was also working on it, and that it appears to be all right to give Mr. Herrin this information. I told Mrs. Smith that the Keeper's name was Robert S. Meyer for the information of their office on the matter.

Rec cop to 7th pr his rep't & rept. Mr. H, who appears to be a volunteer informant rather than a regular employe, said he had no evidence against this keeper, but "thought" he might know something about rum-running in that vicinity

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RG-B Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., January 18, 1927.
Copy referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for his information and report.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

LIGHTHOUSES
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February 4, 1927.

Works
Radio
Engr. Insp.
Mar. Insp.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Pens.
Adm. Asst.
Insp. Assts.
Secy.

SUBJECT: Bureau memorandum "RG-EK" dated January 13, 1927 relative to information requested by George Herrin as to the name of the Keeper of Anclote Keys Lightstation, whom Mr. Herrin "thinks" might know something of rum-running in the vicinity of Anclote Keys.

1. I have to report that Robert S. Meyer is one of the most conscientious and efficient employees in this district, in which he has served for the past 37 years. His standing in the community in which he has lived all of his life is excellent - he is a citizen of the highest type and it is safe to say that he is not now nor ever has been connected in any way whatever with violators of the law.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

Bureau No. Lt.662 *Sheet No.* 7(b)7

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Meyer (Surname) Robert (Given name) E (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Anclote Keys Light Station
   (b) Subdivision
   (c) City or town Tarpon Springs State Florida.
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1380-1680
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1860.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ 240.00
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1620.00

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

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

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost
Uniform, $10.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [illegible] m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer Winter (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day;
number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many?

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

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
Follows prescribed plans, programs, or general instructions, but executes details virtually on own responsibility, with only occasional reference to a superior for advice or instructions.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Mr. E. Emeritt, Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7(a)1.

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

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

Other education (describe): Asst. Keeper and Keeper of minor lights 14 years.

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

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

Percentage of working time	
75%	Take care of illuminating apparatus. See that lens are polished and free from dust. See that light is flashing properly; keep the inside of tower painted and free from dust. Do all the painting on outside of tower which can be done without assistance. Receive, ship and install accumulators. Make Monthly report to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla. Keep all buildings at station clean and painted and make all minor repairs. Report necessary repairs which I cannot do. Take care of grounds and fence, keeping them free from weeds and trash. I also keep a broad belt of land between station and woods free from brush and trash on account of fire. The island is about 3 miles long and is often on fire thru the carelessness of other people. Take care of station boat and engine, keeping it in good running condition in order to do my work efficiently. Go to town twice a day to get mail and supplies.
25%	I tend eight , eight-day post lanterns, and one 5-day post lantern in River Channel. I fill the 8-day lanterns every Friday of each week and the 5-day lanterns on Tuesdays of each week, putting fresh chimneys on all the lights as they often become blurred after a few days burning. After any unusual bad weather or electric storm I visit the lights to see if they are burning properly. All these structures are painted once a year by the Keeper.
	(This employee has no regular hours, as his duties are such that no regular hours could be fixed. A fair average for the year would be 8 hours a day)

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

Robert S. Meyer.
(Signature of Employee)

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

I concur in the above. This is an important seacoast light and upon its proper functioning, depends the safety of thousands of persons and property valued at thousands of dollars, which pass this section every year. This position is therefore of the greatest importance, and great responsibility is placed upon the Keepers.

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

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

September 18, 1928 (Date) — L. W. Plummer (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1380.00 to $ 1680.00

September 18, 1928 (Date) — Wm. W. Bowerman (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent of Lighthouses. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1380 to $ 1680

SEP 2[illegible]28 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date December 11, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Seventh District

Key West, Florida.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective February 28, 1933, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Robert J. Meyer
(Name)

Keeper, Anclote Keys L. H.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Key West, Fla. *Date* December 13, 1932

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1,235.95 per annum, effective at the close of Feb. 28, 1933

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.,* JAN 16 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LT. HS. DEC 13 1932 KEY WEST FLA.

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

LIGHTHOUSE 1932 DEC -15- AM 9:23

Name Robert S. Meyer Date of birth February 4, 1868

Designation Keeper

SUPT. OF LT. HS. JAN 12 1933 KEY WEST FLA.

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army	None						
Navy	None						
Marine Corps	None						
Civilian employment							
Keeper	Oct.	1	1889	Feb.	4	1933	
Total service	4	4	43				

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: ----------

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim: ----------

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received: ----------

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	Mar.	1	1928	June	30	1928	$1560	$ 520.00
"	July	1	1928	July	2	1930	1620	$3,249.00
"	July	3	1930	Feb.	28	1933	1680	$4,470.67

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8,239.67

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,647.93

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1,647.93 × years 30 ÷ 40) = $1,235.95

(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931 11—10551

LIGHTHOUSES

1933 JAN-14- AM 9:17

SUPT. OF LT. JAN 12 1933 KEY WEST

January 10, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Returned herewith is your Form 9 recommending the voluntary retirement of Keeper Robert S. Meyer, effective March 1.

2. In a case of this kind the annuity may be based on the pay received for the five year period immediately preceding the effective date of retirement instead of the date on which the age of 65 is reached. This is not true in compulsory retirements, however, since in such cases the annuity can be computed only on the basis of salary received during the five year period immediately preceding the date on which the age of 70 is reached.

3. It is suggested that the annuity proposed for Keeper Meyer be recomputed on the basis of pay received for the period March 1, 1928 to February 28, 1933, and that the attached Form 9 be amended as necessary. This will give this employee a slightly larger annuity than is now proposed.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RLC:EMF
Incl.

LHP.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla., January 12, 1933.

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses, inclosing Form 9 amended as suggested.

W. D. Emerett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Robert S. Meijer

Keeper - 7th Unit

Voluntary retirement effective March 1, 1933 @ $1235.95 after more than 43 yrs. HS - Age 65

Recommended to Supt.

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OK
WPN 1/16

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 JAN-25- PM 2:40

January 21, 1933.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is today advising you, in a separate letter, of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service after serving in that organization for approximately 43 years.

The Department hereby extends to you its thanks for faithful service rendered over so many years, and entertains the hope that you may long enjoy the rest which you have so well earned.

Sincerely yours,

ROY D. CHAPIN

Secretary of Commerce

7th

JAN 26 1933

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LIGHTHOUSES
1933 JAN 25 PM 2:40

January 21, 1933.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 20, 1918, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Seventh District), with retired pay at the rate of $1,235.95 per annum, effective beginning March 1, 1933.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

7th

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JAN 26 1933

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Anclote Keys L. H. Fla

(STATION, DEPOT, OR VESSEL)

March 2, 1933, 193

Mr. W. W. Demeritt,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

I am forwarding to your office my receipt of Transfer of Property. And as I now retire from the service, I respectfully express my appreciation and thanks to you and your personnel for the just and courteous treatment accorded me during my administration under you, and shall retain in my memory many pleasant thoughts of days past.

Very respectfully,

/s/ R. S. Meyer,
Light House Keeper, Retired
P. O. Box 283,
Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Noted
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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Florida, March 9, 1933

WWD:EP

1. Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, for information contained.

W. W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
WWD:EP
REFER TO FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1935 JUL - 12 - AM 8 : 22

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

July 10, 1935

Fwd to Surg Gen P.H.S. for information mentioning that treatment noted in this instance was made possible by act of June 24 1930 (46 Stat. 807)

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

One of our retired keepers who had served faithfully and efficiently for a period of over forty three years, and who resides at Tarpon Springs, Florida, several hundred miles away, had his first occasion to receive hospitalization. He is very appreciative of the treatment accorded him at the local U. S. Marine Hospital, as indicated by attached letter, which is submitted for Bureau's information and for that of the Surgeon General, if Bureau believes such action warranted in this instance.

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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WPH-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
July 16, 1935.

Forwarded to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., for information. The treatment received in this instance was made possible by the Act of June 24, 1930 (46 Stat.807).

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

WPH

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LIGHTHOUSES

1935 JUL - 12 - AM

June 11, 1935 22

Superintendent of L.H., 7th District,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:

I desire to express through your office my thanks and appreciation to the doctors and personnel of the U. S. Marine Hospital at Key West, Fla., of the wonderful treatment and benefit I received while there from May 15, 1935 to June 6, 1935, also to thank you for the very prompt action taken to gain my admittance to the hospital.

Very Respectfully,

/s/ R. S. Meyer,
U. S. Light Keeper Retired
P. O. Box 283,
Tarpon Springs, Fla.

3-2

File

Civilian Personnel

Name: Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.

Address: R.F.D. Anclote Road
Tarpon Springs, Florida

Pay Rate: $102.99

Died: 1-31-45

(PMM)
CG-75

3 - 2

30 March, 1945

File
E.M.O.

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Inclosed is the claim of Mrs. Ellen King Meyer, claiming the final pay due the estate of her husband, Robert Samuel Meyer, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, who died 31 January, 1945 at Tarpon Springs, Florida, as the result of natural causes.

This claim in the amount of $0.00 has been examined and is approved for payment. The Office of Finance and Supply, USCG, forwarded Check No. 922,574 in the amount of $91.49 to your office on 21 February, 1945 for settlement. The appropriation to be charged is 1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945.

Funeral expenses in the amount of $265.00 have been paid by claimant as per attached receipted bill. Also attached to claim is a copy of the Court Order showing the appointment of Mrs. Meyer as administratrix of the estate.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

C. A. ANDERSON
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

Incls.
1 - Form No. 1055
2 - Form No. 2661
3 - Receipted funeral bill
4 - Court Order

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (4)
MAR 31 1945

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BSJ:emc Return to 2--4

CG-75 (PMM)

3-2

30 March, 1945

File
E.M.O.

Mrs. Ellen King Meyer
Anclote Road - R.F.D.
Tarpon Springs, Florida

My dear Mrs. Meyer:

Your claim for the final pay due the estate of your husband, Robert Samuel Meyer, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, has been approved for payment by this office and forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

As the Coast Guard has no further jurisdiction in the settlement of this claim, it is suggested that in event of undue delay you contact the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

C. A. ANDERSON
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

Incl.
Withholding Receipt - 1945

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (4)
MAR 31 1945

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(PMM)
CG-75

5 March, 1945

Mrs. Robert S. Meyer
R.F.D., Anclote Road
Tarpon Springs, Florida

My dear Mrs. Meyer:

Headquarters has been advised of the death of your husband, Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, on 31 January, 1945.

At the time of death there was due the estate of your husband proceeds of check No. 922,574 in the amount of $91.49. The retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continuance of payment of any part to dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of the check are herewith inclosed.

If there will be no legal representative to administer the estate, the next of kin or the person who paid, or will pay the funeral and burial expenses should execute the inclosed Form No. 1055 in the presence of two witnesses and a notary public, taking care to answer all questions as checked by pencil mark. If a representative is appointed a copy of the Court Order showing the appointment should be attached to Form No. 1055. If the funeral expenses have been paid, a bill receipted by the undertaker who conducted the services should be forwarded. Otherwise, the undertaker should sign the inclosed waiver form. This information is necessary to support the claim.

When the inclosed forms have been completed, they should be returned in the inclosed pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

C. A. ANDERSON
Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Personnel Division

U.S. COAST GUARD
MAILED MAR 6 1945
WAR SECTION (2)

Incls
1. Form 1055
2. Waiver
3. 1 Envelope
BSJ:erd return to 2-4

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Robert L. Meyer (Name) — Fla (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Tr. from Treasury	640	LH - Auclote Key SS Fla	July 1, 1903
"	Promo	720	" " "	Nov. 22, 1910
"	Change	600	" Auclote River Sta "	June 10, 19
"	Incr.	780	" " "	Nov. 1, 1918
"	Trans	960	" Auclote Keys SS "	July 1, 192
"	Read of Pay	1200	" " "	July 1, 192
"	"	1440	" " "	Feb 1, 1925
"	Inc in Comp	1500	" " "	July 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1560	" " "	JAN 1 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1620	" " "	JUL 1 1928
"	COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1680	" " "	JUL 3 1930
	Retired Commencing March 1, 1933 age Annuity $	1235.95 pa.		

NCG 2661A
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
(April 13, 1934)

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

Send check to [illegible]

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

Appropriation: 175090 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

Unit Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

Total years of service _____

Pay period, duty, or grade XXXXXX

Monthly rate of pay $102.99 (Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From _____, 19 45 *to* _____, 19 45 (Inclusive)

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

To Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, Retired, Deceased. Retired
(Name)

_____, U. S. Coast Guard
(Designation)

_____
(Address)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance	$	
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	0.00	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 0.00	

CHARGES:		
Allotment	$	
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES	$ None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits	$ 0.00	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL	$ None	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher	$ 0.00	

REMARKS: Died: 1-31-45. Last paid for period 1-31 January, 1945 On D. O. Vou. No. 380, settled in the January 1945 account of C. L. Herndon, S. D. A. Navy, Symbol No. 55-152.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

21-125
1200

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences _____

Account verified; correct for ..... $ 0.00

(Signature or initials) [illegible] 12-21-45

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I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was not assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; that, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to them or to any other officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of _____
(Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried child or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

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I that, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $_____, in cash or its ivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated _____, 19____ {attached hereto / filed with voucher} for _____ (Month), 19____ is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except

_____
(Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

_____

_____

_____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.
(Date) (Name) (Official designation)

tify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found cept as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

for $_____

_____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) _____
Commanding, District Commander.

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JUN 20 1945

Mrs. Ellen King Meyer,
Anclote Road,
Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Dear Mrs. Meyer:

There is enclosed herewith check No. 922,574, dated January 31, 1945, in the amount of $91.49, drawn by C. L. Herndon, over symbol 55,152, in favor of Robert S. Meyer, representing retired pay, Lighthouse Service.

An authorization has been placed on the check for its payment to you through regular banking channels, upon your endorsement as follows:

"Ellen King Meyer, as Executrix of the last will and testament of Robert S. Meyer, deceased, payee."

Respectfully,

Lindsay C. Warren

Comptroller General
of the United States.

By: M. L. MARTIN

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cc: Headquarters,
United States Coast Guard,
Washington, D. C.

(FA-AR)
CG-521

21 February, 1945

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, Retired, Deceased

Gentlemen:

With reference to the statement of final pay due the above-named civilian employee, which is submitted herewith, Check No. 922,574 for $91.49 (Retired pay $102.99 minus $11.50 tax withholding), issued by C. L. Herndon, S.D.A.(Navy), Symbol No. 55-152, covering pay due the deceased for the month of January 1945, is forwarded for disposition by your office.

Please acknowledge receipt of the inclosures by the return of a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours

C. L. HERNDON
Lieut. Commander, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

Incls
1. Statement of final pay due
2. Treas. of the U. S. Check

Receipted copy rec'd
"D W Winn
3/29/45"

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(FA-AR)
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Return to 6-1

(FA-AR)
CG-51

21 February, 1945

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Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.

Gentlemen:

The following information relative to the pay account of the retired civilian employee named above is furnished for use in the settlement of claim for final pay in his case:

Date of death 31 January, 1945

Gross pay to date of death . . . . . $ None

Federal Tax withheld and disposed of $_____

Other deductions $_____ $ None

Net amount due on death. . . . . $ None

Last paid to and including 31 January, 1945, on D.O. Voucher No. 380, settled in the January 1945 account of C. L. Herndon, S.D.A. (NAVY), Symbol No. 55-152

Appropriation to which chargeable: 1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

Application for payment of amount due the deceased (Standard Form 1055) is being furnished next of kin.

Very truly yours,

C. L. HERNDON
Lieut. Commander, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

June 25, 1971

NCPCR

Research for a History of Tarpon Springs.

Gertrude K. Stoughton
31 Chesapeake Point Mobile Court
Tarpon Springs, Florida 33589

This has reference to your June 18 letter concerning the history of Tarpon Springs and the individuals whom you believe were Federal employees.

We have checked the records of the former employees of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its predecessors but could find nothing for a S. T. Walker.

We also checked the records of former employees of the Smithsonian Institution but could find nothing for Frank H. Cushing, however, the personnel folders for some deceased employees of the Institution are in the National Archives. Included are folders for many famous scientists and other professional people eminent in their respective fields. The Bureau of American Ethnology is a bureau under the Smithsonian Institution. A biographic sketch of Mr. Cushing is included in the Historical Volume of Who's Who in American History.

Robert Samuel Meyer, date of birth February 4, 1868, was employed by the Lighthouse Service as follows:

From October 10, 1889 to June 25, 1891, as Acting Assistant Keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station, Florida;

From June 26, 1891 to November 19, 1910, as Keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station, Florida;

From November 20, 1910 to February 28, 1914, as Keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station and Anclote River Light #1, Florida;

From March 1, 1914 to June 30, 1923, as Keeper, Anclote River Lights, Florida;

From July 1, 1923 to February 28, 1933, as Keeper, Anclote Keys Lighthouse, Florida.

Mr. Meyer retired from the Lighthouse Service on February 28, 1933, and died January 31, 1945. There is no additional information concerning his career.

2.

Osborn C. Johnson, date of birth October 22, 1887, was employed by the Lighthouse Service from February 15, 1911 to July 1, 1912, as Assistant Keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station and Anclote River Light #1, Florida. He was dismissed from service for leaving the station without having tendered a proper form of resignation. No additional information is available.

Director,
National Personnel Records Center
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, Missouri, 63118

J. W. FATH
Acting Chief, Civilian Reference Branch

cc:
Official File - NCPCA - Robert S. Meyer
Official File - NCPCA - Osborn C. Johnson
Reading File - NCPCR

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31 Chesapeake Point Mobile Court
Florida
3589
1971

Dear Sir:

history of Tarpon Springs, I find it
individuals who were, I believe, federal

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Osborn C. Johnson, assistant keeper, Anclote Keys Lighthouse, Feb. 15, 1911 till what date? Anything on his career?

I do not know whether your department charges for information such as the above, or how much of a record you may have on these individuals. If there is a charge, will you please advise me how much.

Sincerely,

Gertrude K. Stoughton

Gertrude K. Stoughton

31 Chesapeake Point Mobile Court
Tarpon Springs, Florida
33589
June 18, 1971

Director,
National Personnel Records Center
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, Missouri, 63118

Dear Sir:

In doing research for a history of Tarpon Springs, I find it advisable to check out a few individuals who were, I believe, federal employees.

They were:

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MAR 31 1945

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE COMMANDANT (FA-AR)
REFER TO FILE: CG-581

WASHINGTON

21 February, 1945

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FILE
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General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Robert S. Meyer, Keeper, Retired, Deceased

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Very truly yours

C. L. HERNDON
Lieut. Commander, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

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1. Statement of final pay due
2. Treas. of the U. S. Check

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FILE
LKZ.

21 February, 1945

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Washington 25, D.C.

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FEB 24 1945

C. L. HERNDON
Lieut. Commander, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

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2. Treas. of the U. S. Check

IKZ Return to 6-1

(FA-AR)
CG-51

21 February, 1945

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Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

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Lieut. Commander, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

KBH:ghb

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - MAR 18 1940

January 21, 1933.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is today advising you, in a separate letter, of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service after serving in that organization for approximately 43 years.

The Department hereby extends to you its thanks for faithful service rendered over so many years, and entertains the hope that you may long enjoy the rest which you have so well earned.

Sincerely yours,

ROY D. CHAPIN JAN 25 1933

Secretary of Commerce

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January 21, 1933.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 20, 1918, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Seventh District), with retired pay at the rate of $1,235.95 per annum, effective beginning March 1, 1933.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER. JAN 25 1933

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 17 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date December 11, 1932

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHIEF CLERK
JAN 21 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Seventh District

Key West, Florida.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective February 28, 1933 on the basis of service shown hereon.

Robert S. Meyer
(Name)

Keeper, Anclote Keys L. H.
(Designation)

Optional at 65 after 30 yrs served
(Served approx. 43 yrs)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Key West, Fla. *Date* December 13, 1932

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1,235.95 per annum, effective at the close of Feb. 28, 1933

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

W. W. Emmeth
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.,* JAN 16 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JAN 21 1933
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPT. OF LT. HSES. KEY WEST FLA. JAN 12 1933

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Robert S. Meyer Date of birth February 4, 1868

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army	None						
Navy	None						
Marine Corps	None						
Civilian employment							
Keeper	Oct.	1	1889	Feb.	4	1933	
			HK3				
Total service	4	4	43 yrs				

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	Mar.	1	1928	June	30	1928	$1560	$ 520.00
"	July	1	1928	July	2	1930	1620	$3,249.00
"	July	3	1930	Feb.	28	1933	1680	$ 4,470.67
								5 8239.67
								1647.93

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8,239.67

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1,647.93

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1,647.93 × years 30 ÷ 40) = $1,235.95

(Not exceeding 30)

annuity

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1930.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Brookhart Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 3, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.



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From: 1620.

To: 1680.

7th Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer.

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560

To: $1620

CARDED

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CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D'

NAME Mayer, Robert S. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU Lighthouses STATION 7th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Amt. per annum to be Subtracted
720	240	960	CR	164.25	1,124.25	L. H.S.					

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

GRADE RECOMMENDED Unclassified

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM TO

allowance $164.25

Total $1124.25

approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8 (Common school)

(b) High school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(c) Business school; years ☐½ ☐1 ☐1½ ☐2 ☐2½ ☐3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(e) Post-graduate work: Kind ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.) 2—12965

Percentage of total time given to each task

(1) Cleaning, refilling, and maintaining lights on 10 closely grouped and protected sites. This employee has no regular hours, as his duties are such that hours cannot be fixed. A fair average would be 8 hours a day..... 67

(2) Scaling, cleaning, painting light towers, buildings; cleaning walks and grounds and making minor repairs at Anclote Keys Lighthouse Reservation and minor light structures. 31

(3) Preparing routine and special reports, receiving and checking supplies, etc..... 02

DUPLICATE

...EL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 4.
...e filled out in accordance with detailed
...tructions in P. C. B. Form No. 2, and
Circular No. 7).

To Accompany Report of { ☐ New Appointments / ☒ Changes in Duties for JULY, 1923

1. MEYER (Surname) ROBERT (Given name) S (Initial)
(Consolidation of positions) MOODY, THOMAS A.
(a) Previous incumbent
2. Department COMMERCE
3. Bureau LIGHTHOUSES
4. Field Service LIGHTHOUSES
5. (a) Field Station ANCLOTE KEYS LIGHT STATION, ETC.
(b) Subdivision 7th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
(c) City or town KEY WEST State FLORIDA
6. Pay-roll title KEEPER
7. Customary office title KEEPER

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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d		

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day See #16; per week 7 days
(b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
(c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From ---- m. to ---- m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ----
During what months ----
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ----
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 960.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 720.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ----
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Forty-five cents per day, 365 days, $164.25 - rations.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 10.00
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 (Common school)
(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
(d) College: Name ----; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(e) Post-graduate work: Kind ----; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ----; number of lessons ----; number completed ----

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.) 2—12965

	Percentage of total time given to each task
(1) Cleaning, refilling, and maintaining lights on 10 closely grouped and protected sites. This employee has no regular hours, as his duties are such that hours cannot be fixed. A fair average would be 8 hours a day.....	67
(2) Scaling, cleaning, painting light towers, buildings; cleaning walks and grounds and making minor repairs at Anclote Keys Lighthouse Reservation and minor light structures.	31
(3) Preparing routine and special reports, receiving and checking supplies, etc.....	02

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.) Name the employee's *immediate* or closest superior. If not a civilian, give the superior's title or rank.

No immediate supervision possible or necessary. If lights are extinguished the fact is promptly reported by mariners. The stations are inspected periodically by the Superintendent or his representative for condition, cleanliness, fitness of keepers, etc.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since July 1, 1923.

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

SEP 13 1923, 192 (Date) — W. W. Demeritt (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Superintendent of Lighthouses (Title)

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

(INACCESSIBLE)

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy	X		
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)		X	
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)		X	

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent average experience in handling motor boats.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1320.00 to $ 1680.00

SEP 13 1923, 192 (Date) — W. W. Demeritt (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent of Lighthouses. (Title)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL

26. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete, except as follows: (If necessary, attach a sheet.)

In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ ..... to $ .....

....., 192 (Date) — ..... (Signature of chief of bureau) — ..... (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12965

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

JAN 12 1927

CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1500 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPROVED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY 1/11/27

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION CANCELED JAN 12 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

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

Sheet No. 36
2—12758

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1. Meyer (Surname) Robert (Given name) S (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouses
5. (a) Field Station 7th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Anclote River Light, Fla.
   (c) City or town Key West State Florida
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Sun set; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From --- m. to --- m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 780.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Forty-five cents a day - 365 days - $164.25 - rations.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform, and motor boat with gas, oil, etc.; annual cost, $ Uniform $40.00 Boat 100.00 Oil, gas, etc. $35.00
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 (Common school)
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ---; number of lessons ---; number completed ---

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
(1) Cleaning, refilling, and maintaining lights on 9 closely grouped and protected sites. This employee has no regular hours, as his duties are such that hours cannot be fixed. A fair average would be 6 to 7 hours a day	90
(2) Cleaning, painting, and making minor repairs to minor light structures	08
(3) Preparing routine and special reports, receiving and checking supplies, etc.	02

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

No immediate supervision possible or necessary. If a light is extinguished the fact is promptly reported by mariners. The stations are inspected periodically by the Superintendent or his representative for condition, cleanliness, fitness of keeper, etc.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 3-1/4 years

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

MAY 21, 1923. (Date) — Wm. M. Bennett (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Superintendent of Lighthouses (Title)

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

(Inaccessible)

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy	X		
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)		X	
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)		X	

Educational Training	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School	X	
Common School		

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent Average experience in handling motor boats.

Experience: If essential, kind and extent

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1020.00 to $1260.00

MAY 21, 1923. (Date) — Wm. M. Bennett (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent of Lighthouses (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

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

Sheet No. 2
2—12758

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1. Meyers (Surname) Walter (Given name) S (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse
5. (a) Field Station 18th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Goat Island Lighthouse Depot
   (c) City or town San Francisco, (P.O.) State Calif.
6. Pay-roll title Foreman
7. Customary office title District Foreman

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 8; per week 48
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ____; or per week ____
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From ____ m. to ____ m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ____
   During what months ____
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation None
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 175.00 per month; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 175.00 per month; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate none allowed
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid ~~Salaries of Lighthouse Service~~ GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE,
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum ____
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment ____; annual cost, $ ____
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 X/2
    (b) High school; years ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Supervises and works with force in erection and repair of towers, buildings, wharves, water supply, sea walls, etc. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	60%
2. Prepares plans, drawings, specifications and bills of material and estimates of costs. -	15%
3. Performs any other district work that may be assigned to him by Officer in Charge of District pertaining to general construction work or mechanical equipment at stations or at Depot. -	15%
4. Acts as inspector on contract work. -	10%

Duties frequently involving use of surveying instruments.

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under general supervision but to a large extent upon his own responsibility, especially when in charge of field work, being guided by the Rules and Regulations of the Lighthouse Service and by the orders of the Official in Charge of the District.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes

If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

When in charge of field job, directs work of construction force varying from two to twenty employees according to the size of the job.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? July 1, 1919.

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

June 1st, 1923. (Date)

H. W. Rhodes (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

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

W. S. Meyers. (Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment	X		
Accuracy	X		
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)	X		
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)	X		
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

Educational Training	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		X
Common School	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent experience in all lines of construction work.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 2400. to $ 3000.

June 1st, 1923. (Date)

H. W. Rhodes (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 11 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GAINEN
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1440.

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

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APPOINTMENT DIV. RECEIVED FEB 5 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FEB 5 1925

CARDED

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Meyer, Robert L. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1200, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 14 1924 File No. 1095/21.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
August 16, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 21 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

R. S. Meyer.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to letter of June 15, 1923, from the Appointment Division to Mr. Robert S. Meyer advising him of change of salary from $780.00 to $960.00 per annum, the Bureau is advised that Mr. Meyer entered upon duty on his new rate of pay July 1, 1923.

Anclote Keys

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H. M. Innes
Chief Clerk.

CHIEF CLERK
1923 AUG 20 PM 4 00

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 20 1923

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1923.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 960 per annum, effective July 1, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUN 15

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 15 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK 5

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Florida, JUN 13 PM 4 2d 1923 23.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 14 1923 APPOINTMENT DIV.

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, R. S. Meyer. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper Salary, ($900.00 p.a. Plus $60 longevity) 960 incl 60 long

Location, Anclote Keys L.S., etc., Fla. Appropriation, Sal., Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 1, (1924) 1923 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, ($720.00 p.a. plus ($60 longevity. 780 incl long

Location, Anclote River Lights, Florida.

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

Previous incumbent, T. A. Moody Services terminated, June 30, 1923.

Reason, Change of illuminant and consolidation of group of lights under one keeper.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks:

ACTION TAKEN JUN 15 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

6-15-23.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Wm. M. Wimsett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LGJ June 12, 1923.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention in this connection is invited to Department approval of Bureau recommendation of May 12, 1923, and separate Bureau recommendation of this date.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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[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

November 14, 1918.

M. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $600 to $780 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION (TEL-F) NOV 15 1918 DEPT OF COMMERCE

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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 10-28-18
IN FILE OF 1095-7

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4788-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT HOUSES
SEP 25 1916

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Meyer, Robert Samuel

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse, 7th District

4. Designation of position:

Keeper, L.H.S.

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

See "4".

6. Annual earnings:

$600.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 490 PA.

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

~~Substitute—~~ Years:	~~Months:~~	~~Regular—~~ ~~Years:~~	Months:
26		9	

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

Florida

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: February 4

Year: 1868

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

E8.

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 1 Florida

County: Hillsboro

19. Civil service status:

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20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—

City: Anclote River,

State: Fla.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

11—5869

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 19 1914
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 24 1914

I, Robert S. Meyer,

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.

Robert S. Meyer.
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS
JUN 24 1914

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 10th day of June, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. L. Register

(Official title) Notary Public, State of Florida. My commission expires April 10, 1916.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper.	$600. A.	Anclote River Lights, Florida.
Former[5] Keeper.	$720. A.	Anclote Keys L. S., Florida.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Seventh District

CARDED.

Key West, Fla. (Address), June 15th, 1914. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 10th, 1914. (Date)

D. Sweetland
Inspector. (Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

February 17, 1914.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper at $720 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
JUN 1914
U. S. COMMISSION

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 17 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (City.) January 27 (Date.) 1914.

LIGHT JAN 30 1914 HOUSES

LIGHT FEB 6 1914 HOUSES

DEPT OF COMMERCE FEB 1 - 1914 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, Robert S. Meyer. Ef 56

Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper.

Salary, $600. A.

Location, Anclote River Lights, Fla.

Appropriation, Salaries: Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, Keeper.

Former salary, $720. A.

Location, Anclote Keys L. S. and Anclote River Lt. No. 1. Fla

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

Previous incumbent, New position. * Services terminated,

Reason, Authorized, Feb 16. 1914

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: This transfer is recommended at the request of Mr. Meyer, whose letter is attached.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 14 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

2-17-14

* File 646

Acting Commissioner

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

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SEVENTH DISTRICT
JAN 26 19[illegible]
KEY WEST, FLORIDA.
LIGHT HOUSES
JAN 30 1914
LIGHT HOUSES
FEB 5 1914

Mr. W.H. Demeseth.
Inspector 7. L.H. District.
Key West.
Fla.

Anclote Keys Light Station
Anclote Fla. Jan 22 1914.

Sir:

I will gladly accept the position of Keeper of the Anclote River Lights if tendered me. I am aware that the Salary will be less than the position which I now occupy.

Very Respectfully
R.S. Meyer.
Keeper Anclote Keys L.S.
Anclote
Fla.

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JUL 21 1913

Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you on June 23, 1913, to a party in a motor boat, which was aground, and to two men in another motor boat, which had drifted near the Anclote Keys Light Station, after the engine had become disabled, the Department commends you for the assistance rendered by you in these cases and will note the fact on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,
Keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station
and Anclote River Light No. 1, Fla.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES--Appointment Division's files.

Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Mailed JUL 21 1913 by G.P.O.

Copy

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 15 1913

Office of Inspector, 7th District
Key West, Fla.
July 8, 1913.

APPOINTMENTS
JUL 16 1913

Assistance rendered
by Keepers, Anclote Keys L. S.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 17 1913

There is inclosed for the information of the Bureau, a copy of a letter received from the Keeper of Anclote Keys L. S., Fla.

It is suggested that mention of this service rendered be made in the Bulletin.

SECRETARY
JUL 17 1913

(Signed) Demeritt

Acting Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 14, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

This matter will be mentioned in the next monthly issue of the Lighthouse Bulletin.

G. R. Putnam

Copy

Anclote Keys Lightstation,

Anclote, Fla.

June 30, 1913.

Mr. Dibrell

Inspector 7 L.H.District.

Key West, Fla.

Sir:-

June 23, Keeper and Asst. Keeper of this station rendered assistance to a party in a motor boat the boat was aground, and it was not possible to get it off until late in the night we took the ladies off and sent them to town. June 23 rendered assistance to two men in a small motor boat. They were caught in a heavy rain and their engine would not run and drifted in near the light that night and the next morning the Asst. Keeper took them to town.

Very Respectfully

(Signed) R.S.Meyer,

C H Lopez

Keeper Anclote Keys L.S.

Anclote, Fla.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

August 25, 1911.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Seventh Inspector's letter of the 17th instant, reporting on the conduct of Robert S. Meyer, keeper of Anclote Keys Light Station and Anclote River Light No. 1, Florida, as directed by the Department in its letter of May 10, 1911.

As it appears from this report that at an inspection of the station, made on August 11, 1911, the conditions were found to be exceptionally satisfactory, the station neat and clean, the light in efficient condition, the relations between keepers harmonious, and that no further complaints of Mr. Meyer's conduct have been made, or that there is no evidence of other than excellent conduct and work on his part, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation of April 26, 1911, that no action be taken with reference to the charges made against him by former assistant keeper [illegible] of that station.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Robert S. Meyer, Kpr.
Anclote Keys &c.L.S., Fla. -
conduct and work of.

August 17, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

1. - Referring to Department letter of May 10, 1911, and Bureau's indorsement thereon, requesting observation of conduct and work of Robert S. Meyer, Keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station, and Anclote River Light, No. 1, Fla.

2. - I have the honor to report that an inspection of this station was made on August 11, 1911, and conditions found to be exceptionally satisfactory. The station is neat and clean, and the light in efficient condition. The relations between the keepers are harmonious.

3. - No further complaints of Mr. Meyer's conduct have been made, and there is no evidence of other than excellent conduct and work on his part.

Respectfully,

H. L. King

Inspector 7th L.H.District.

WROTE BUREAU Aug 26-1911-

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
AUG 21 1911

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

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Acting Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

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JUL 26 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Robert S. Meyer -
Report.

July 21, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to your letter of July 17, 1911, and Department letter of May 10, 1911, relative to report concerning conduct and work of Robert S. Meyer, Keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station -

2. I have the honor to report that the Light-Station in question has not been visited by any representative of this office since the receipt of Department letter of May 10, 1911, and there has accordingly been no opportunity to observe the conduct and work of the Keeper. No further complaint of his conduct has been received at this office. A report as requested will be forwarded immediately after the next inspection of the station.

Respectfully,

H. D. King

Inspector 7th L.H.District.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
JUL 24 1911

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

Geo. R. Putnam

Commissioner

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Meyer, Robert S., 2. Age 43 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position Keeper. Anclote Keys L.S., and Anclote

5. Compensation $720.p.a. 6. Where employed River No.1 Lt., Fla.

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct.10,1889. 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount ---

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends lights (main, and 1 beacon light-lens-lantern - about 1/2 mile from main light), and keeps station in order.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them ---

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	90	2	1 80
Quality of work	85	3	2 55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2 55
Attendance		~~7~~	
Total		8 ~~10~~	6 90
Average percentage			86

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAY 31 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Manifests interest in the work of his station, to the extent of work overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. ------

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? ------

20. Remarks: (e) No.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

C. F. Johnson
Supt., 7th L. H. District.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C. F. Eaton
Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H. Dist.

11—4259

G. L. Putnam
Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1911.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's letter of the 15th ultimo enclosing charges against Robert S. Meyer, keeper of Anclote Keys Light Station and Anclote River Light No. 1, Florida, preferred by David D. Klingner, formerly assistant keeper of that station, and Mr. Meyer's reply thereto, and recommending that no further action be taken in the case.

In response the Department has to state, after careful consideration, that it is not fully satisfied that Mr. Meyer is entirely blameless, and therefore directs that the Seventh Inspector be instructed to observe his conduct and work for the next 60 days and submit a report at the end of that time.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

May 4, 1911.

MEMORANDUM IN RE CHARGES AGAINST ROBERT S. MEYER, KEEPER ANCLOTE KEYS LIGHT STATION, ETC., FLORIDA.

Charges are preferred by David D. Klingner, who was himself dismissed, February 14, 1911, from the position of assistant keeper of this light upon charges preferred by Meyer.

THE CHARGES.	THE REPLY.
(1) That parties were allowed to visit the island who indulged in beer and whiskey, became boisterous, and sometimes caroused until midnight; and that the keeper ate and drank with them.	A general denial. Offers a letter from a Captain Turnpaw, who took most of the excursionists to the island, which letter does little toward refuting the charge.
(2) That the keeper allowed parties of noisy negroes to land on the island, and that on one occasion he (Klingner), having gathered up a market basket full of whiskey bottles, remonstrated with Meyer about allowing such persons to use the island as the scene of their dissipations, but that nothing was done by the keeper to prevent a repetition of the occurrence.	A general denial. Claims that these parties were in charge of responsible representative colored men and that they were permitted the same privileges accorded other citizens as long as they abided by the regulations. Claims that he stopped all disorderly conduct as soon as discovered.
(3) That about six years ago the keeper traded water and provisions with men from Spanish smacks for rum and other contraband goods, the assistant keeper objecting to their landing on account of the danger of infection from yellow fever.	A general denial; but says nothing about the alleged danger of allowing such persons to land. Does not know whether Klingner ever ejected anyone, as he claims to have done.

(The charges, continued)

(4) That for a consideration of $15 per month the keeper allowed certain privileges to persons experimenting in the artificial growing of sponges.

(The reply, continued)

Denies that anyone was ever given the privilege of building on the island, and states that when a crawl was built on the island by some Greeks he reported the matter at once to the Engineer of the district, whose reply to the report is submitted. (Certain specific directions are given in the Engineer's letter, but Meyer's reply thereto is not submitted).

With respect to experiments in sponges, Meyer does not deny that he received some remuneration, but submits a letter from John K. Sheyney, a producer and dealer in sponges at Tarpon Springs, Florida, who states (among other things) that the experimental work was done outside of the reservation limits, and that it was all done with the knowledge of and in connection with the Bureau of Fisheries, which was pursuing similar experiments at the same place; also that "The small amount which is charged as having been paid to Mr. Meyer by us, and in which I am quite sure Mr. Klingner shared, as I have a letter from him demanding a greater share of this than that I thought he was entitled to, was paid purely to obtain an oversight of these grounds and this work which concerned both the Government's and my investigations.

"It required no time or effort on Mr. Meyer's part." Cheyney further states that the charges are not worthy of a moment's consideration.

(The charges, continued)

(5) That the keeper is guilty of sending false accounts to the office and collecting money which was not rightfully due him, in that, in the fall of 1908, while the Engineer's force was employed on the work of rebuilding the dock and painting the tower and buildings, he was paid for from twelve to sixteen meals each week which he did not furnish. Klingner claims that four of the men went ashore every Saturday after quitting work and did not return until the following Monday morning.

In this same connection the keeper is also charged with discounting checks for men who quit work before their checks arrived from the Engineer's office.

(The reply, continued)

Does not directly deny the charge, but states that F. H. Johnson, foreman, inspected and O. K.'d the board bill and that if there was any mistake he (the keeper) was not aware of the fact.

Denies discounting checks. States that he loaned two of the men small amounts but that he never took their checks; and that they paid him what they owed when they received their checks.

(6) That the keeper made false entries in his oil expenditure book, the amount expended being copied from the record of a former keeper; that he did not draw oil in the presence of the assistant keeper, as required by the regulations; and that he expends on his book from 1 to 1-1/2 pints more each night than he uses.

Denies in toto, although he does not state that, in the presence of the assistant keeper, he attended personally to the daily issues, particularly oil.

(7) That the keeper neglected his duties in his duties in the fall and winter of 1905 and 1906, when in the sponge-diving business, being absent from the station about one-third of the time while organizing the Anclote Diving Company; and that his records of absences in the journal are false. Also that the keeper bought sponges for a man who shipped them to England.

Denies that he organized the Anclote Diving Company and that he was absent from the station one-third of the time as charged. Explains that he invested some money with two of his nephews in the sponge-fishing business; that they called themselves the Anclote Fishing Company; that they never incorporated; and that the business was managed and carried on by them entirely. He does not deny, however, that he may have neglected the station to some extent.

A friend in Asheville, N.C. sent him some money to buy him a few sponges, which he did without charge, and the friend himself sent them to England.

INDORSEMENT SLIP

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

HSB BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

Washington

April 26, 1911.

Second indorsement.

RECEIVED APR 27 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Robert S. Meyer - charges against.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED APR 28 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, for his information and in connection with Department letter of January 23, 1911, requesting that David D. Klingner be requested to submit charges against Keeper Meyer. It is recommended, in view of the fact that none of the numerous charges made by Klingner are substantiated, that no further action be taken in Meyer's case.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO APPOINTMENTS APR 28 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

G. T. Putnam

Commissioner.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Three enclosures.

Robert S. Meyer -
charges against.

April 12, 1911.



The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to the Bureau's endorsement of Jan. 24, 1911, on Department letter of Jan'y 23, 1911, relative to charges against Mr. Robert S. Meyer, Keeper of Anclote Keys &c. L.S., Fla., it is respectfully stated that on Feb. 10, 1911, Mr. David D. Klingner was requested to file with this Office any charges of misconduct or neglect of duty on the part of the Keeper of Anclote Keys L.S. which appear susceptible of substantiation.

2. His charges, enclosed herewith, were not received until March 24, 1911.

3. A copy of the charges were forwarded to Mr. Meyer on the same date, and his reply thereto is also enclosed.

4. The charges of Mr. Klingner are not serious, nor are they substantiated. The charges relative to smuggling and payments received from sponge growers, and absences in 1905 and 1906, should have been made at the time when they were alleged to have occurred. Taking into consideration that Mr. Klingner's charges were made only after the Keeper, Mr. Meyer, had reported him for gross insubordination, and that Mr. Meyer's answers to charges are, as a whole, satis-

factory, it is recommended that no action be taken against the Keeper in question.

5. Department letter of Jan'y 23, 1911, returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

A. M. Watzel

Commander, U.S.N., Retired,
Inspector 7th L.H.District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

For 7th District.
Referred to Supt.
Johnson for compliance.

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Wrote to Klumpner 7/10/11. JC

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 24 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

January 23, 1911

Sir:

Referring to the papers in the case of David D. Klingner, who was dismissed from the position of assistant keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station and Anclote River Light No. 1, Florida, by letter of this date, the Department notes a statement in the last paragraph but one of Mr. Klingner's letter of the 12th ultimo, that he has charges to make against the keeper more serious than those preferred against him.

Mr. Klingner should therefore be requested to file with the Eighth Inspector any charges of misconduct or neglect of duty on the part of the keeper of the station which appear susceptible of substantiation. These charges, if made, with the keeper's reply and the recommendation of the Inspector should be forwarded to the Department for such action as may be necessary.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

OFFICE OF
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR,
7th DIST. KEY WEST, FLA.
REC'D JAN 30 1911

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR,
EIGHTH DISTRICT,
JAN 26 1911
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

JAN 24 1911
Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the 8th Light-House District for his information, proper action, and return with a report.

Commissioner.

Wrote Klingner 3/24/11. Sent copy to Meyer, 3/24/11

St. Petersburg. Fla.

Mr. A. B. Johnson,
Supt. 7th L. H. Dist. Key West, Fla.

Sir:-

In your communication of Feb. 10, the Commissioner, through the office, asked me to prefer charges against R. F. Meyer, Keeper of Anclote L. St., & A. R. L. No. 1, which were susceptible of substantiation.

That means, I presume, I should be able to prove them. My word is, and always has been as good as any bond wherever ~~I~~ I am known. I can have the above certified to by some of the best men in the county who have known me for the past 25 years.

I can substantiate every charge I make. If Mr. Meyer denies any of the charges I made I will furnish the proof I have on hand. The proof of some of the charges were at the station, that is why I asked for a personal investigation.

I will cheerfully furnish upon demand any information you may want, also the names of men you may care to communicate with in regard to said charges.

I also have kept a record of the absence from the station, both of the Keeper and assistant, after I discovered he was making false entries in his journal. I will send a copy if wanted.

Respectfully

David D. Klingner

OFFICE OF LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, 7th DIST. KEY WEST, FLA. REC'D MAR 24 1911

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OFFICE OF
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR,
7th DIST., KEY WEST, FLA.
REC'D MAR 24 1911
Filed ____ No. ____

March. 20 - 1911

Mr. A. B. Johnson,
Supt. 7th L. H. District.
Key West, Fla.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request, also of the Commissioner, I prefer the following charges against Robert S. Meyer, Keeper of Cuckolds Light, and C. K. L. Dist. 1.

1st.

Mr. Meyer has violated the rules and regulations by allowing parties to come on the island who drank whiskey and beer, and, who were boisterous, said parties sometimes caroused there until nearly mid-night; the Keeper ate and drank with them. My protest against such actions is the cause of the Keepers animosity towards me.

Mr. Meyer allowed negroes to land, who were very noisy; there were as many as fifty in the party who spent the day on the island. On one occasion I went through the pine woods to see that they did not smoke (as there is a lot of dry pine straw on the island there is always a possible danger of fire, which, if once started would be hard to control), I ran into a lot of nude negro women who were getting ready to go in bathing. On another occasion he allowed a crowd of boisterous negroes to land and remain for the day; the following morning I gathered up a market basket full of empty whiskey bottles. I remonstrated with him, but he was either afraid to prevent them from landing or he did not care to enforce his authority.

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2nd

When I first went to Anclote Key, six years ago, Mr. Meyer traded water and provisions with men from Spanish smacks for rum and other contraband goods. I objected to their coming on account of the danger of infection from yellow fever. They came one day while the Keeper was absent. I ran them away from the station with my shot gun; they left for a Cahoh about one mile from the station, where some men were working. I followed them, and they left. The above was reported to the Customs officer at Tarpon Springs by one of the men who was working at the sponge plantation. My stopping the traffic was resented by Mr. Meyer.

3rd

About one or two years previous to my arrival at the station Mr. Meyer gave privileges to men who were experimenting in artificial growing of sponges. For the consideration of $15.00 a month, he allowed them to build a shack on the island, he also allowed them to cut wood for their cooking and, to use water from the station. There were sometimes six men employed making artificial stone, using the sand from the island. They remained there until about the 10th of January, 1906. He told me when I landed they had discontinued paying the $15.00, but I have good reasons to believe he received the money up to the time the men left the island. He allowed the Greeks to build kraals, and camp on the island, there were two companies kraaling their sponges, a third company wanted to build a kraal. I told the Keeper I would report it to the office if he allowed them to build

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another Road. They left shortly afterwards.

4th.

In the fall of 1908 when the dock was rebuilt, the tower and buildings painted, Mr. Meyer charged the Engineers Dept. with from twelve to sixteen meals every week which he did not furnish. There were men from Anacortes working at the station; four of the men went home every Saturday after quitting work, they did not appear until Monday morning. Therefore he is guilty of sending false accounts to the office and collecting money for meals he did not furnish. Mr. Meyer also discounted checks for men who quit work before their checks arrived from the Engineers Office.

5th.

I charge the Keeper with making false entries in his oil expenditure book, nor has he ever drawn the oil in my presence after the first week of my arrival at the station, thereby violating the rules and regulations. Each man drew the oil for the lamp ~~before~~ just before going up to light the lamp. He expends on his book from one to one and a half pints more each night than used. The amount he expends was copied from the record of a former Keeper and is varied a gill on some days by the Keeper so as to show a difference.

6th.

Mr. Meyer neglected his duties at the station in the fall of 1905 and winter of 1906 when he was in the sponge diving business. While organizing the Anacortes Diving Company he was absent from the station one third of

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time; his record on the Journal are false in regard to his absences from the station. Many a time I turned his watch over to him as late as nine o'clock P. M. He also bought sponges for a man who shipped them to England.

7th.

During the first four years I was at the station, Mr. Meyer allowed target shooting and killing of birds at the station. One evening, about 3 o'clock as my wife and I were sailing around the dock we were in danger of being hit by a rifle ball shot by a man who was shooting at fish. Near the building there were some of the party shooting at a Palm tree, and some were shooting at water birds on the beach. Mr. Meyer was with the party. It was only after a man shot one of his hogs, about two years ago that Mr. Meyer put up a notice "Shooting forbidden".

8th.

I charge Mr. Meyer with malice and untruth in his charges against me; he did not step at the beacon at ten A. M. as he stated; he did not leave the station until 11 A. M., he sailed by, but did not step at all. His statements in regard to remarks I made are false. In regard to my threatening him with "bodily violence" I said what I did after he insulted my wife, said in all I was in giving her the lie. I think I was justified in saying what I did.

David. D. Klingner

State of Florida. County of Hillsborough

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this the 20th day of March 1911. J. L. Blocker

my Commission expires sept 12. 1911. Notary Public

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Tarpon Springs Florida.

March 30, 1911

Mr. A. B. Johnston, Supt.,
7th. L. H. District,
Key West Fla.,

Sir;-

Below I respectfully submit my answer to the charges of Mr. David D. Klingner.

1st. Charge;- I deny the charge of drunkenness or carousing with parties visiting the Island and I assert that I have never entertained any animosity toward Mr. Klingner and that I have stopped all disorderly conduct on the Island as soon as discovered by me.

I inclose a letter from Captain Turnpaw, who brought most of the excursionists to the Island.

There was an excursion to the Island but under the care of a colored Professor. It is possible that they may have gone in bathing above the reservation, if Mr. Klingner went to the point at which they were bathing he would probably know whether or not they were naked, I can say that there was nothing of the kind in sight of the premises.

These parties were in charge of responsible colored representative men. During my twenty years service I have never had any fires that destroyed anything belonging to the Government, nor have I allowed the destruction or mutilation of any Government property, and further I find nothing in the Regulations that prohibits negros from landing on the Island and enjoying the privileges accorded other citizens, so long as they abide by the Regulations by which we are governed.

2ndCharge;-

I deny that I ever traded water and provisions with the men from the Spanish Smacks, I have never refused to give any one water when we had an abundant supply.

Whether or not Mr Klingner ever ran any one away with a shot gun, as he asserts, I cannot say, but my experience has been that when strangers were notified not to land they did not persist in doing so.

As for resenting the stopping of the traffic when Mr. Klingner claims to have objected to it, I can say that I never knew of a case in which it was necessary for him to object, as there was no traffic of the kind.

3rd. Charge;-

I emphatically deny ever giving any one the privilege of building any thing on the Island, and when a Kraal was built on the Island by some Greeks I reported the matter at once to the Engineer, Major Craighill, and I herewith inclose his reply to my letter.

In regard to the experimants in growing sponges I refer you to Dr. Moore of the Bureau of Fisheries at Washington D.C. and Mr. John K. Cheyney of Tarpon Springs Fla., one of the largest sponge dealers in the United States, and I herwith inclose a letter from Mr. Cheyney.

I never refused to give water to people when we had sufficient, but they usually brought their supply from the main land with other supplies.

4th. Charge;-

twelve to sixteen meals every week which I did not furnish, I would say that Mr. F.H. Johnson Foremen inspected and O.KD the board bill, and it was forwarded for payment, and if there was any mistake I am not aware of the fact, and there never was any complaint made by the Foremen of the men in regard to the food furnished or the manner in whaich it was served. I deny discounting any checks, I loaned ### two of the men small amounts but I never took their checks, when they got them they paid me what they owed.

5th. Charge;-

I deny ever making any false entries in the oil expenditure book, or that the amount expended was copied from the record of a previous keeper, which would necessitate going back twenty years for the record.

6th. Charge;-

I deny organizing the Anclote Diving Co, or that I was absent from the station one third of the time as cahrged. I invested some money with two of my Nephews in the sponge fishing business, and they called themselves the Anclote Fishing Company, but never incorporated. The business was managed and carried on by them entirely. In regard to buying and shipping sponge to England, a friend in Asheville N.C. (now dead) sent me some money to buy him a few sponge which I did as an accomadation to a valued friend, for which I made no charge, and he sent the sponge to England himself.

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When wev go to the mainland we have to go in a sailboat, and sometimes owing to a calm it would be a little late when we returned to the Light House, in which case if he was due to go on watch at sunset,he would be allowed to do so upon his arrival, the one present attending to his duties for him. But if for any unavoidable reason we were detained all night the hour of leaving and returning was recorded in the journal.

7th. Charge;-

I never allowed shooting on the reservation, and always stopped it as soon as I could notify them that it was not allowed not only on the reservation but on the Island, and I always tried to protect the birds from destruction and I had a sign posted "shooting forbidden".

8th. Charge;-

I absolutely deny that I entertained any malice ## against Mr Klingner or that I charged him with anything which was untrue. I inclose a letter from Captain John Boyer which will show about what time I passed the beacon and that it was burning at the time.

I insult no lady and never gave Mrs. Klingner the lie.

I did not regard his threat to do me personal harm as being serious ### but I did not doubt that the threats meant the presentation of chrges that would prejudice the Government against me and secure my degradation as an official.

But I can honestly say that in my more than twenty years employment I have tried faithfully , honestly and consciensiously do my whole duty, and up to the present time have never received a reprimand from any Government Official on account of my neglect of duty or dishonesty in the discharge of my duties.

If required to do ### so I can give reference to the best

people in Tarpon Springs as to my reputation for honesty and intregrity.

Yours respectfully,

Robert S. Meyer,
Keeper Anclote Key L.S.
Anclote
Fla.

Tarpon Springs Fla.
Mar. 30, 1911.

To whom it may concern. This is to certify that I went to Anclote Keys Light Station Sunday Dec. 4 1910. Passing Anclote River Light beacon no. 1. Aboard 9:30 or 10- going out also passing the keeper who was coming in in a sail boat between the Light House and Beacon. Noticing the beacon and it was burning bright and clear. Coming back to town I

picked up Mr. Meyer at Anclote and he came to town with me. Reaching town about 11.45 Am.

Respectfully,
J. S. Boyer.
Tarpon Springs,
Fla.

Jasper Spgs

Arch 30th 1911

To Whom it may Concern

This is to certify that we the under signed have been Engaged in carrying passengers to & from Jasper Springs & Vinclote light for the last 20 years and during the time that Mrs R L Meyer has been in charge of the light we have always been Treated with the greatest Courtesy and found allways that Every thing was in order and straight during this time we have carried a number of colored parties and a many them were a number of our prominent colored people who as a race are naturally noisy & boisterous but at a word from their Leader

would quiet down Mr Meyer has always been ready to treat all persons with the greatest respect + willing to show them all that was necessary for them to see but have never known of any one having or making any complaint as to their treatment received

Signed

G.W. Tumpson & Son

Per G.W.S.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 7TH AND 8TH DISTRICTS
CUSTOM HOUSE
MOBILE, ALA.

May 9,1906.

Mr.R.S.Meyer,

Keeper of Anclote Key light station,

Anclote,P.O.Fla.

Sir:

Inclosed is sent you a blue print showing the light-house reservation at Anclote Keys,Fla. Upon this plat you will mark the location of such sponge crawls,if there are any, on the reservation, and report to this office who claims these crawls, and by whose authority, if any, they have been established on the reservation. In giving location of the crawls give distance and direction from light tower.

Respectfully,

W. C. Langfitt

Major,Corps of Engineers,
Engineer 7th & 8th Dists.

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John K. Cheyney

Producer & Dealer
FLORIDA SPONGES

Operator
NAVAL STORES

Tarpon Springs
Florida, U.S.A.

March 30th. 1911

To the Department in charge,
Gentlemen;-

Mr. R. S. Meyer, Keeper of the Anclote Light, has handed me a copy of charges made against him by his Assistant, Mr. Klinger. And because of an intimate knowledge of him, and the performance of his duties for a period of over twenty years, and because of certain charges suggesting my relations in connection with experimental sponge culture, he has asked me for a letter .

I do not desire to enter into any discussion of these charges. To those of us, and I think I can speak for all who know Mr. Meyer, and who know his uniform courtesy of treatment to visitors to the Light and his faithful and conciencious performance of his duties, his personal habits, his intregity and value as a citizen, these charges are offensive, obnoxious and not worthy of a moments consideration.

Regarding the charges relating to occupying any part of the Government Lighthouse Reservation, I would say that all of the experimental work referred to, was done outside of the reservation limits. Also that this work was purely experimental and all done with the knowledge of and in connection with the Bureau of Fisheries, who were persuing similar experiments at the same place.

The small amount which is charged as having been paid to Mr. Meyer by us, and in which I am quite sure Mr. Klinger shared, as I have a letter from him demanding a greater share of this than that I thought he was entitled to, was paid purely to obtain an oversight of these grounds and this work which concerned both the Governments and my investigations.

It required no time or effort on Mr. Meyers part.

Should it be deemed desirable by your Department, that further information be furnished in connection with the above, I will gladly obtain every verification that may be desired.

Respectfully yours,

John K. Cheyney

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 23 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

One enclosure.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Robert S. Meyer -
charges against.

March 18, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to the Bureau's letter of March 14, 1911, relative to charges against Robert S. Meyer, it is respectfully stated that, on Feb'y 10, 1911, the former assistant keeper Klingner was requested to put his charges against Robert S. Meyer, keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station, Fla., in writing and forward them to this Office, and he replied that he would, but no charges have yet been received.

2. A copy of Mr. Klingner's letter is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N., Retired,
Inspector 7th L.H.District.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
MAR 24 1911
APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
MAR 23 1911

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

Acting Commissioner.

A. B. Johnson,

Supt., 7th L. H. District,

Key West, Fla.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 10 instant wich I received on the 15th the day my relief came, I will not be able to file my charges, against the Keeper, as requested as I am busy packing my house hold goods, and as yet have not been able to procure a suitable boat to move them. It will probably be 2 weeks before I can file said charges.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) David D. Klingner,

R. F. D. 1. St. Petersburg, Fla.

January 23, 1911.

Sir:

Referring to the papers in the case of David R. Klingnor, who was dismissed from the position of assistant keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station and Anclote River Light No. 1, Florida, by letter of this date, the Department notes a statement in the last paragraph but one of Mr. Klingnor's letter of the 12th ultimo, that he has charges to make against the keeper more serious than those preferred against him.

Mr. Klingnor should therefore be requested to file with the Eighth Inspector any charges of misconduct or neglect of duty on the part of the keeper of the station which appear susceptible of substantiation. These charges, if made, with the keeper's reply and the recommendation of the Inspector should be forwarded to the Department for such action as may be necessary.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Robert S. Lemon

Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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Mr. Pennington stated that Mr. Klingner had been notified to file charges.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
DEC 15 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Robert S. Meyer

do solemnly [a] 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.

Robert S. Meyer.
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

(Name:) J. M. Leramer

(Official title:) Notary Public, State of Florida.
My commission expires December 30, 1912.

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Keeper	$720 p.a.	Anclote Keys L.S. and Anclote River Lt., No. 1, Fla.	Florida.	Florida.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the INSPECTOR 7th Light-House District,

KEY WEST, FLA (Address.), December 9, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 22, 1910. (Date.)

(Signed:) T. Whitzel
Commander, U. S. N., Retired.
INSPECTOR 7TH L. H. DISTRICT

REGARDED

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Rec'd DEC 15 1910

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington November 16, 1910.

Mr. Robert S. Meyer,

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, Keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station and Anclote River Light No. 1, Florida, in the Light-House Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective beginning November 20, 1910, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from keeper of Anclote Keys Light-Station, Florida, at $540 per annum.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED NOV 18 1910 U.S. COMMISSION

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED NOV 19 1910 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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D.

Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation:

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Florida.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 14 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Commissioner,
Bureau of Light-Houses,
The ~~Light-House Board~~,
Washington, D. C.

Office of the INSPECTOR 7TH L. H. Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.
Oct. 18, 1910.
(Date)

RECEIVED THE CHIEF CLERK NOV 14 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. Robert S. Meyer of (3) Florida,
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Anclote Keys light-station, Fla.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $ 640.p.a. to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Anclote Keys light-station and Anclote River light, NO.1, Fla.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ ~~700.~~ $720 p.a., effective beginning (10) Nov. 20, 1910., (~~the date of his entrance on duty~~)
(Salary recommended)
(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) New position.
(State name of *last* person holding position)
~~who (12) ..... on (13) .....~~
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
~~Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,~~
~~Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and~~
~~was considered with (18) .....~~
~~(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.~~

Respectfully,
H. M. Watzel COMDR. U.S.N.
INSPECTOR 7TH L.H. DISTRICT

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN NOV 16 1910 C. S. COM. NOTIFIED. DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHT HOUSES
~~LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD~~

Nov. 12, 1910., 190

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The authorization of this new position is recommended under separate cover.

11-11-10

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

NOTE.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with this letter.

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. .....

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Anclote Keys L.S., Fla.
3. Name Meyer, Robert S., 4. Where born Florida.
5. Age 41 yrs. 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $640. pa. 8. When appointed (a) Oct. 1, 1889. Appointment dated October 10, 1899.
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from — State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Hillsboro.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends light , and keeps station in order.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 0.9; Quality of work (e) Good.; Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; good interest manifested.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

O.R.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 5 - 1909, 19

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED *Secretary.*

PART I.

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

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

Mr Robert Samuel Meyer

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Robert S Meyer.

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

Tarpon Springs (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Hillsborough (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Ocala Marion Co. Fla.

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 4th (Day.) 1868 (Year.)

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
None.				

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

Oct 10th 1889. Was appointed Acting Asst Keeper.

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

I was appointed Acting Asst Keeper of Electric Keys L.S before Classified

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

None

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

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

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

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

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Laborer

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

Public School

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

None

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

None

18. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

Written by Mr. (Robt S) Meyer

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 2 and 4, 1904

Witness: _____

(Signature) Robert S Meyer

P. O. Address: Anclote
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Florida
State or Territory.

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(Signature) John A. H. Meiere Comdr. U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. Service.

PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

LIGHT HOUSE (Bureau or Service.) Anclote Key Light Station (Place (city, town, or station).) 7th (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? June 26, 1891.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

13 9/12 years.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $640 per annum.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? SALARIES of KEEPERS of LIGHT HOUSES.

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6/96

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ———— ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

appointed before position was classified, Asst. Keeper L.H. Service $490 per annum

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) John A. H. Mench Comdr, U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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