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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address: afbfg4@umsl.edu	Phone Number: 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
Midgett, Peleg, S.		1883 NC

MILITARY SERVICE

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

Type of Rank:
- [ ] Enlisted
- [ ] Officer
- [ ] Unknown

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

Date & Place of Death: 1933 VA

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew [signature]

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location): Lighthouse Service (NC/VA)

From: 1920 To: 1933

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

(Agency & Location) 2 folders

From: To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: [ ] Yes [ ] No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-000615967

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Peleg S. Midgett (Name) — N.C. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Prob	660	L.H. Bodie Isl L.S.S.C	Aug 2, 1920
"	Trans	720	" At Large	Feb. 1, 1922
"	"	"	" Baltimore S.S. Md.	May 16, 1922
"	"	"	" Nanticoke River S.S.	Nov. 1, 1922
"	Read of Pay	960	" "	July 1, 1924
"	Temp Incr nte Dec. 9/24	1140	" "	Sept 10, 1924
"	Incr	1020	" "	Jan 1, 1925-
"	Read of Pay	1320	" "	Feb 1, 1925-
"	Incr in Comp.	1380	" "	July 1, 1925-
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1440	" "	JUL 1 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1560	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1620	" "	JAN 1 1931
"	Trans (73a)	1620	" Matthias 5 Dist Pt. L.S.	July 1, 1933.
	Died November 15, 1933.			

Form 93

1933 NOV -27- AM 8:54

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 27 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1933 NOV 27 PM 2:41

CHIEF CLERK

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

November 25, 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is ~~transmitted the resignation~~ Notice of Death of the following-named employee:

Name, Peleg S. Midgett — Position, Asst. Keeper

Legal residence, North Carolina — Station, Mathias Point Shoal Light Station,

Salary, $1620. per annum

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

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

Remarks:

This office today received official notice of Mr. Midgett's death, which occurred November 15, 1933.

Appr. 13 years Service.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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SHEET NO. 4422
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

11-27-33

L-M Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 27 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

Form 78a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

LIGHTHOUSES
1933 JUN - 3 - AM 9:16

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 29 1933
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

June 2, 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about June 30, 1933.

Name, Peleg S. Midgett — Position, Asst. Keeper

From Nansemond River Light Station, Va. — To Mathias Point Shoal Light Station, Va.

Salary and range, $1620.p.a. - $1440-1800. — Salary and range, $1620.p.a. - $1440-1800.

Previous incumbent and pay, John D. Midgett - $1560.p.a. (LT.#1120)

Services terminated, May 2nd, 1933. — Reason, Died. #1120

Under present economy plans, Nansemond River Light Station, Va., will be discontinued June 29th, 1933.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1933 JUN-29- AM 9:26
CHIEF CLERK

CARDED

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with 7-1-33

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 28 19..

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

~~By direction of~~ For the Commissioner:

R. L. Green
Chief of Personnel Division.

11—4598 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1921

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 31, 1930

Mr. P. S. Midgett

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560

To: $1620

Service and grade: Range $1440-1800

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

5th District.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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SHEET NO. 2922
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

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: $1440

To: $1560

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CARDED

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August 16, 1927.

The Superintendent, 5th District, Lighthouse Service, Baltimore, Maryland, submits report for month of July of transfers, promotions, and demotions, giving effective date of change.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	NATURE OF CHANGE	LETTER DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
PELEG S. MIDGETT	KEEPER	$1440 p.a.	Increase	7-1-27	7-1-27

See letter dated August 1, 1927, in file of Lewis McD. Hopkins.

CROSS REFERENCE.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1927.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 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,

[illegible]

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 1 - 1927 DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

February 1, 1926.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the communications from the Fifth Superintendent dated January 21, and January 23, 1926, relative to absense in excess of the leave authorized in the cases of certain employees under his supervision, the Department has approved the action indicated in the following statement:

Name and Position	Excess Absence Days	Excess Absence Hours	Action Approved
Alexander Anderson, Master Fenwick Island, L. S. #52	6	3½	Waiver of regulation
John L. Ennis, Keeper, Greenbury Point Light Station	14	19½	Waiver
Aubrey B. Hudgins, Asst. Keeper, Sandy Point Light Station	18		Charge against 1926 leave
Arthur M. Hudson, Master L. S. # 80	8		Waiver
W. J. Kelly, Asst. Keeper, Janes Island Light Station	11 2/3/		Deduction of Pay.
Arthur M. Meekins, Lst Asst. Keeper Thimble Shoal L. Sta.	1 2/3		Deduction of Pay.
John E. Midgett, 3d Asst. Keeper Brant Island Light Sta.	2½		Waiver.
P. S. Midgett, Asst. Keeper, Nansemond River L. Sta.	4		Waiver
Thomas D. Quidley, Keeper Neuse River L. Sta	3		Waiver
Edgar T. Somers, Keeper Somers Cove L. Sta.	2½		Waiver
Edwin C. Tyler, Keeper Hooper Island L. Sta.	2	15	Waiver
Wm. Wilson, Asst. Eng. Fenwick Isl L'ship	13		Waiver
Caleb W. Evans, Keeper, Craighill Channel Fr. L.H.	17¼		10¼ days charge against 1926 leave & 7 days deduction of pay.

SEE LETTER DATED FEB. 1, 1926, IN FILE MISC. 1/25

CROSS REFERENCE

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

Sheet No. 84
2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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	b		
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1. Hildreth (Surname) Peleg (Given name) S. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse
4. Field Service Lighthouse
5. (a) Field Station Fifth Lighthouse Dist.
   (b) Subdivision Nansemond River Lt. Sta., Va.
   (c) City or town ..... State Va.
6. Pay-roll title Light Keeper.
7. Customary office title Asst. Keeper.

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Avg. about 15; per week 105
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day .....; or per week .....
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From 1/2 of time from sunset to sunrise. m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year .....
   During what months .....
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation .....
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus ..... $ 720. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 720. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate None.
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum $164.25 45 cents per diem commutation of 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, $ Est. $20.00
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name .....; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind .....; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind .....; number of lessons .....; number completed .....

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Water Station 1. Operating sixth order light and horn fog signal, 2. Keeping the station painted and clean, 3. Keeping the machinery and small boats in order, 4. Keeping station records and preparing reports, 5. Going for mail and provisions, 6. Observing aids to navigation and conditions of weather, 7. Preparing meals and keeping rooms clean.	

*This employee is located at a water station and allowances marked X do not apply to his family who must live ashore.

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

Ass't. Keeper is under immediate supervision of keeper except when keeper is absent from station, when assistant keeper takes charge of station and assumes responsibilities of keeper. Stations are usually in isolated localities where the personnel must act in emergency without reference to superior officers.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? .....
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

This employee ranks second at this station and he regularly has no employees under him.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since Nov. 1, 1922.

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

May 25, (Date), 1923. (Signature of Preparing Officer) Supt. of Lighthouses (Title)

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent .....

Experience: If essential, kind and extent .....

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1020. to $ 1260. exclusive of allowances mentioned in Question 15.

May 25, (Date), 1923. (Signature of head of field office or station) Supt. of Lighthouses. (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. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1320 per annum to $1380 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,

JOHN J. GARDNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 16 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D+1

NAME Midgett, Peleg S. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 5th 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	Subtracted
720	240	960	CR	164.25	1124.25	LHS	2	1200	Yes	60	

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

Approv-$1260

GRADE RECOMMENDED 5

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1260 TO 1500

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Letter dated February 7, 1925 from the Bureau of Lighthouses reports the effective date of the change in January in the following case as:

Peleg S. Midgett 1/1/25

See file of T. Ripley

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 5 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1320.

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

Mr

FEB 5 - 1925

5th

CARDED

Called Jones 12/2/24.
He says he will write
for rec covering period
Dec 10 — Jan 1.
1140 — 960

1/29/25 Called Mrs Gross again

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1924.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $1020 per annum, effective January 1, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

W. J. Carter
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

NOV 1924

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 29 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1924 NOV 26 AM 10 30

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

LIGHTHOUSES 1924 NOV 24 AM 8 54

Baltimore, Md. (City.) November 22, 1924 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

NOV 26 1924

Action recommended, Increase in pay

Name, Peleg S. Midgett — Legal residence, North Carolina

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1020. per annum.

Location, Nansemond River L. S., Va. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective January 1, 1925 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $960. p.a.

Location, Nansemond River L. S., Va.

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

Previous incumbent, Himself — Services terminated,

Reason,

(See temp. from in file from Sept 10 to Dec 9/24. to 1140)

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, April 16, 1883

Remarks: The keepers of Nansemond River Light Station have been given charge of the three lights known as Nansemond River Beacons and it is for this additional labor that it is recommended their salary be increased.

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

11/26/24

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON November 25, 1924.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The Bureau is making separate recommendation today in regard to increasing the pay of the above position as indicated.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Bureau endorsement of Oct.8/24.

Transfers and promotions

Peleg S. Midgett

Effective date

9/10/24

See file of Utah C. Jennett

August 14, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of August 14, 1924, the Department has authorized the temporary position of keeper, Nansemond River Light Station, Virginia, at $1140 per annum, effective for the period from September 10 to December 9, 1924, inclusive.

By direction of the Secretary:

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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5th

CARDED

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

AMENDED

WASHINGTON August 14, 1924.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 960 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective September 10, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty and to continue for a period not longer than the close of December 9, 1924.

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:

SEP 1 - 1924

Respectfully,

CANCELED

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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5th

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 3 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1924.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 960 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective September 10, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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8th

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 19 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 AUG 13 AM 9 03

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

August 12, 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Leave without pay, Temple Ripley, Keeper, Nansemond River L. S.

1. The Bureau is advised that beginning September 10, 1924, Temple Ripley, Keeper of Nansemond River Light Station, will be granted three months leave without pay. He will return to duty December 10, 1924. This leave is granted in order that he may build himself a home.

2. In view of the fact that he will be away for this period it is recommended that the Bureau authorize a temporary additional position of keeper for Nansemond River Light Station, Va., from September 10, 1924, to December 9, 1924, inclusive, at a salary of $1140. per annum plus the subsistence allowance. There is enclosed Form 73 nominating the assistant keeper to this position. An additional keeper will be sent to the station during the absence of Mr. Ripley.

King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

CHIEF CLERK

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1924 AUG 14 PM 2 13

LIGHTHOUSES
1924 AUG 13 AM 9 03

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., (City.) August 12, 1924 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion (Temporary Keeper)

Name, Peleg S. Midgett — Legal residence, North Carolina

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1140. p.a.

Location, Nansemond River L. S., Va. — Appropriation, Salaries, L.H. Keepers

Effective September 10, 1924 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.}

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $960. p.a.

Location, Nansemond River L. S., Va.

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

New Position

Previous incumbent, ~~Hixxeif~~ (Temple Ripley) Services terminated, September 9, 1924

Reason, Granted 3 months leave without pay beginning September 10, 1924, ending December 9, 1924.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, April 16, 1883

Remarks: Mr. Temple has been granted 3 months leave without pay and Mr. Midgett is nominated herewith to fill the position of temporary additional keeper during his absence.

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

8/14/24

Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. D. King
Superintendent of Lighthouses 3rd

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1924.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. It is recommended that the temporary additional position of keeper, Nansemond River Light Station, Va., at $1140 per annum, be authorized for the period from September 10 to December 9, 1924, inclusive, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent in attached letter of August 12, 1924.

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Indexed Policy A In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 960, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 23 1924 File No. 1095/21.

Form 73a

CHIEF CLERK

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1922 NOV 11 PM 2 15

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 NOV 10 AM 8 45

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., September 25, 1922.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 11 1922 APPOINTMENT

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on October 1, 1922.

Name, P. S. Midgett

Position, Keeper

From Baltimore Light Station

To Nansemond River Light Station

Previous incumbent, H. H. Twiford

Services to be terminated, Sept. 30, 1922.

Reason, Transfered to Baltimore L. S.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. C. Hugsbury

Asst. Superintendent

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Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, Balto., Md., Nov. 9, , 1922.

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with November 1, 1922.

CARDED

Superintendent of Lighthouses

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

NOV 11 1922

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 SEP 28 PM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 29 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

1922 SEP 28 PM 12 08

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Fifth DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Md., September 25, 1922.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee **will be** transferred as indicated, and **will enter** upon duty at his new station on **October 1, 1922.**

Name, **P. S. Midgett** Position, **Keeper**

From **Baltimore Light Station** To **Nansemond River Light Station**

Previous incumbent, **H. H. Twiford**

Services terminated, **to be Sept. 30, 1922.** Reason, **Transfered to Baltimore L. S.**

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Asst. Superintendent

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 29 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 29 1922

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form 73a

MEM

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 5 DISTRICT.

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Baltimore, Md., May 11,1922

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on May 16,1922

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Name, Peleg S. Midgett Position, Keeper

From ~~Raitim~~ (Additional) Kpr. (detailed to Baltimore L.S.,Md.) To Keeper, permanently stationed at Baltimore L.S.,Md.

Previous incumbent, (Edward Linton) John Spencer

Services terminated, Close of January 30,1922 Reason, Transferred to Cove Pt. L.S.,Md.

Peleg S.Midgett has been detailed at Baltimore L.S. as Additional Keeper, pending return of former keeper who was on leave without pay, to duty. The keeper died and Assistant Keeper was promoted. It is now desired to place above named person permanently at Baltimore L.S., and he will officially be keeper at Baltimore L.S. beginning May 16. This involves no actual transfer.

~~For and in the absence of the~~ Superintendent.

H. D. Kniy

~~Assistant~~ Superintendent

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 16 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Cross reference.

March 11, 1922, The Bureau of Lighthouses advises the Department of the date of effect of the follwoing change:

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Letter Date	Effect. Date of Change
Peleg S. Midgett	Kpr. Datailed at Balto. Light Station		Transfer	1/21/ 22	Feb. 1, 1922

"ee file Paul B. Gray.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1922

January 21, 1922.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: John Spence, Keeper.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 660 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective February 1, 1922, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 23 1922 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

January 16, 1922

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: John Spence, Keeper.

1. Mr. John Spence, formerly Keeper and lately reduced to Assistant Keeper, Baltimore Light Station, is physically unable to remain on duty and has again been sent to the Public Health Service Hospital at Fort McHenry. I think it most unlikely that Mr. Spence will ever return to duty. It is recommended that while Mr. Spence remains in the hospital he be placed on a leave without pay status effective February 1, and that one of the Additional Keeper positions now vacant be filled by transfer of the present Second Assistant Keeper from Bodie Island Light Station and that he be assigned to duty at Baltimore Light Station as long as Spence remains on leave without pay status.

2. In line with previous suggestion to the Bureau for the reduction of complement at Light Stations wherever possible, the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Bodie Island Light Station will be left vacant experimentally until July 1, when further recommendation will be submitted as to permanent personnel arrangements at Bodie Island. If the position of Second Assistant Keeper is at that time permanently discontinued, proper increase in the compensation of the other two keepers should be allowed.

3. Nomination to put this change into effect is enclosed herewith.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSES

MEM.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 JAN 17 AM 8 34

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md. (City.), January 16, 1922 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, **Peleg S.Midgett** Legal residence, **N.C.**

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Position, **Keeper, (Additional)** Salary, **$ 720. p.a.**

Location, **Detail where needed. 1st detail Baltimore L.S., Md.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **February 1,1922** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$660. p.a.**

Location, **Bodie Island L.S.,N.C.**

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

Previous incumbent, Frank R.Lewis . Services terminated, **Close of Jan. 19/'22**

Reason, **Change of status.**

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: See letter of Jan. 16, subject "John Spence, Keeper". If nominee is appointed effective Feb. 1, the position which he now holds will be kept vacant, as stated in letter mentioned.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON January 18, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is Fifth Superintendent's letter of January 16, 1922, relative to the disability of John Spence, assistant keeper, Baltimore Light Station. The Superintendent has been advised that he is authorized to grant leave without pay to Spence, report thereof to be made for the information of the Department in case such leave without pay exceeds a period of one month.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 30 1920 BALTIMORE, MD.
LIGHTHOUSES
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

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PART I.

1. Name of employee: Peleg S. Midgett
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 5
4. Place of duty: Bodie Island L.S.,N.C. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $ 660. base
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).
   Thro' Civil Service Exam.

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File Cl.
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Messenger
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REPORT DATA ENTERED
CARDED

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

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

3. What is your present legal residence? (Give State or Territory, county, city or town, and Congressional district.)
   North Carolina (State or Territory.) Dare (County.) Manns Harbor (City or town.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? Rodantha North Carolina

7. When were you born? April (Month.) 16th (Day.) 1883 (Year.)

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

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

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

Mrs. Minnie Midgett (Name.) (Number and street.)

Mans Harbor (City or town.) North Carolina (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position / Department or office		
		Position / Department or office		
		Position / Department or office		

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

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

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Did not so serve			

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

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

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

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

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

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19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public school

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

None

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

None

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

~~Yes.~~

Date, August 23rd, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Peleg. S. Midgett

(Present address) (Number and street.)

Wanchese, (City or town.) N.C. (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 28, 1920, 19

(Signature) S. D. King

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES AUG 30 1920

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I, Peleg S. Midgett

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.

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Peleg S. Midgett
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 17 day of Aug., A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

REPORT DATA ENTERED

[4] (Name) L. C. Zillgitt

(Official title) Chief Customs Clerk

My commission expires .....

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$660.00 p. a. (base)	Bodie Island Light Station, N. C
Former [5] (New Position)		

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DISTRICT

Baltimore, Maryland, Aug. 20, 1920
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 2, 1920.
(Date)

CARDED

H. D. King
Supt. of Lighthouses
(Signature followed by title of office)

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1920.

Mr. Peleg S. Midgett,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered (August 2, 1920.) upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

AUG 6 1920

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

REPORT DATE
S. MIDGETT

Appropriation: Salaries, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Vice: W. H. Etheridge.

Legal Residence: North Carolina.
5th district

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

MEM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md. (City.), July 31, 1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thro' Sec'y, 4th Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment

Name, Peleg S. Midgett — Legal residence, N.C.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $ 660. p.a.

Location, Bodie Island Light Station, N.C. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 2, 1920 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, -------- — Former salary, ------

Location, ------

Rank on eligible list, 1 — Rating, Kpr — Percentage, 84.8- , Other eligibles considered:
James A.Newton -85.8 requests indefinite suspension, as he is compelled to stay at home to act as substitute for his brother, who is Kpr at Pamlico Pt., and who has been in poor health for some time, and is ill at present.
JohneE.Hudgins -84.2 -C
Geo. C.Hunley -84.2 -C

Previous incumbent, W.H.Etheridge — Services terminated, Close of July 23, 1920

Reason, Promoted to 1st Asst. Kpr.

Members of family in Government Service, Brother - U.S.Coast Guard - Surfman.

Remarks: 1st Asst. Kpr. was transferred from Bodie Island July 16, so that only two keepers have been at Bodie Island since ~~XXXX~~ July 16. The present 1st Asst Kpr. is sick, which makes only one keeper on duty. Therefore, nominee has been advised to report for duty above effective date, for and in the best interests of the Service.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, 8/2, 1920

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

L. H. Fisher — Secretary, 4 Civil Service District.

F. P. Dillon — Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 3 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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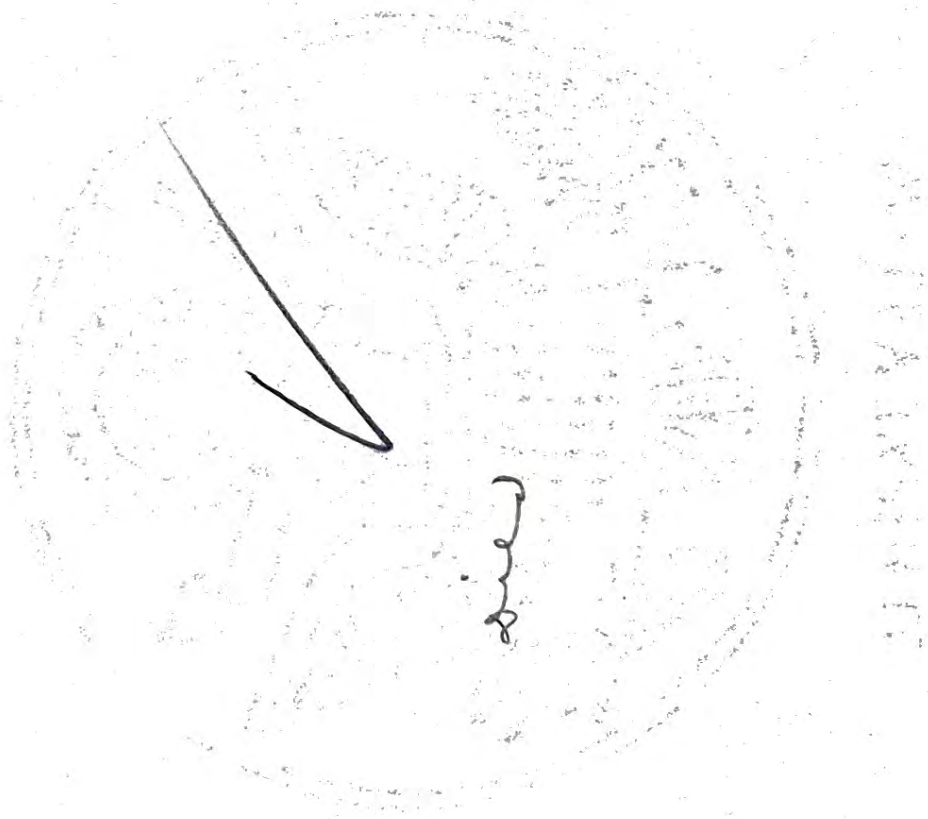
PELEG S. MIDGETT.



PELEG S. MIDGETT.

See 5th Supt's. letter of Jan. 16,1922, and Bureau letter of January 18, 1922, re transfer of Peleg S. Midgett, asst. kpr. at Bodie Island L.S. to Baltimore L.S., in file of John Spence.

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

Percentage of working time	
50	I am Assistant Keeper of this lighthouse. I stand watch alternately with the Chief Keeper from sundown to midnight and from midnight to sunrise every day.
50	I assist the Chief Keeper in cooking, painting the lighthouse once and the two boats twice each year. Clean lense and polish lamp and fill same every other day, alternating with the Chief Keeper in this duty. I assist the Chief Keeper in policing the lighthouse and attending to the four lights in Hansemond River and Chuckatuck Creek. Make on the average about three trips per month to Pig Point and Portsmouth, Va. for food supplies.

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.

Peleg S. Midgett
(Signature of Employee)
Peleg S. Midgett.

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

Answer to Question 25, P.C.B.Form No.14

The duties of this employee are to share the watches with principal keeper in care of light and fog signal and the labor of keeping same in state of perfect cleanliness and efficiency, and in cleaning, painting and minor repairs of the entire station, which is a 2-story frame house on interbraced iron piles on a submarine foundation, surmounted by a glazed lantern in which is mounted a fresnel lens for display of light, which may be either a kerosene wick lamp or incandescent oil vapor light. The fog signal is a bell operated by clockwork machinery. Communication with shore is by motor launch. Each of two keepers is allowed 8 days ashore per month and during absence of principal keeper, the assistant is in full charge of station.

The attendance upon minor lights grouped under this station is an important duty and requires skill and considerable risk in operating motor launch oftentimes under stormy conditions, ~~and knowledge of the care and operation of acetylene gas apparatus~~.

1440. 1740.

D. King

Sept. 21, 1928 (Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) Supt. 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 $ 1440, to $ 1740

SEP 2[illegible] 1928 (Date), 1928

H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative)

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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25. 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.

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26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Aug. 2, 1920

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.

Sept. (Date), 1928 — H. D. King (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Supt. of Lighthouses (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 $ 1440 to $ 1740

Sept. 22, 1928 — H. D. King (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. 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 $ 1440, to $ 1740

SEP 29 1928 (Date), 1928 — H. B. DOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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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. 1222 Lt. Sheet No. 5(b)- 80

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Midgett (Surname) Peleg (Given name) S. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Hanesmond River Light Station
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town State

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1440-1740
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1560.
10. Deduction for allowances $ None
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1560.

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 ☒ Fuel ☒ Light ☐ 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, approximately $15.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From None m. to None m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer 66 Winter 66 (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day ; number of days per { week / month } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty Subject to duty when necessary throughout 24 hours of day.

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

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.)
My Principal Keeper with whom he works side by side or watch and watch. He is instructed by example and supervised by direct personal contact with the Principal Keeper and by periodic inspections of station by district superintendent or his representative.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Temple Ripley, Kpr. 5(b)79

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	X 5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most satisfying or pertinent?
Twenty Five (25) years experience with use of steam and sail craft.

Nov 1 1927
Peleg S. Midgett

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

RECEIVED
JUL - 10 - AM 8:55

June 2, 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about June 30, 1933.

Name, Peleg S. Midgett — Position, Asst. Keeper

From Nansemond River Light Station, Va. — To Mathias Point Shoal Light Station, Va.

Salary and range, $1620.p.a. - $1440-1800. — Salary and range, $1620.p.a. - $1440-1800.

Previous incumbent and pay, John D. Midgett - $1560.p.a.

Services terminated, May 2nd, 1933. — Reason, Died.

Under present economy plans, Nansemond River Light Station, Va., will be discontinued June 29th, 1933.

Reported on July 1 on white form

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

July 8, 1933

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with June 30, 1933.

L. M. Hopkins
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

November 25, , 1933

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is Notice of Death ~~transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, Peleg S. Midgett Position, Asst. Keeper

Legal residence, North Carolina Station, Mathias Point Shoal Light Station,

Salary, $1620. per annum

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

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

Remarks:

This office today received official notice of Mr. Midgett's death, which occurred November 15, 1933.

L. M. HOPKINS

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

NOV 27 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner,

Chief, Personnel Division

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

copy

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT.

June 2, 1933 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about June 30, 1933.

Name, Peleg S. Midgett Position, Asst. Keeper

From Nansemond River Lightstation, Va. To Mathias Point Shoal Lightstation, Va.

Salary and range, $1620 p.a.(1440-1800) Salary and range, $1620 ($1440-1800)

Previous incumbent and pay, John D. Midgett $1560 p.a.(LT.#1220)

Services terminated, May 2nd, 1933. Reason, Died.

Under present economy plans, Nansemond River Light Station, Va., will be discontinued June 29th, 1933.

L. M. HOPKINS
Superintendent of Lighthouses

, 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with 7-1-33

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 28 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

AERONAUTICS BRANCH

WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

1933 DEC - 18 - PM 12:02

December 16, 1933

12/19/33 wrote 5th -
- 12/21/33 memo to Collins

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Gross,
Bureau of Lighthouses.

Will you please complete the Officials' Statement on the attached Proof of Claim in the case of Mr. Peleg S. Midgett, as it appears that he was an employee of the Bureau of Lighthouses and not of the Airways Division.

Collins

John S. Collins,
Collector for the Aeronautics Branch.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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December 19, 1933.

12/21/33 Merrot Collins

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

It is requested that you advise the Bureau of the following facts regarding former Keeper Peleg S. Midgett, deceased:

The date on which he became an active employees of the Lighthouse Service, and the date on which he last reported for work.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

AHL. Office of Superintendent, Fifth District, Baltimore, Md. December 20, 1933.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with the statement that Peleg S. Midgett, deceased, entered on duty in this District August 2, 1920, and his last day of service was November 15, 1933.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

T. S. Johnson

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 21, 1933.

Memorandum for Mr. Collins, Aeronautics Branch.

In reference to your memorandum of December 16 requesting information regarding Peleg S. Midgett, you are advised that Mr. Midgett entered on duty in the fifth lighthouse district on August 2, 1920 and his last day of service was November 15, 1933. The Proof of Claim attached to your letter is returned herewith.

For the Commissioner:

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Chief of Personnel Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1934.

Memorandum:

Congressman Warren of North Carolina telephoned to inquire what benefits there could be in the case of a widow of a lighthouse keeper who died at his station after treatment by the Public Health Service. He was advised that there were no provisions of law affecting the Lighthouse Service through which dependents could benefit, but that the proper procedure would be to report the case on the proper form to the Employees' Compensation Commission for consideration, in the event that any connection could be shown between the cause of the death and the employee's official duties.

The employee's name is Midgett.

H.D. KING

HDK:EBF

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., for his information.

For the Commissioner:

H.D. KING
Deputy Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NORFOLK, VA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

Sept. 1, 1938.

P S midgett

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

There is forwarded herewith copy of a letter dated August 29th from Brig. Gen. Ernest D. Scott requesting certain information. This office has prepared a reply as per copy attached which is sent to the Bureau for approval or suggestions as to the nature of a suitable reply.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

T. S. Johnson,
Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
September 2, 1938.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Norfolk, Va., with suggestion that the following text be substituted for the last two sentences of the first paragraph "Consequently, it appears that under the regulations and decisions of the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission, as this office understands them, it is highly doubtful that a claim of his widow could be established at this time. However a final decision on this point rests with the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission, Washington, D. C., and this office would be glad to furnish the Commission, if requested, any information in its record regarding the case. "

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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Consequently it appears that under the regs and decisions of the U.S. Emp Comp Com as this office understands them, that it is highly doubtful if a claim of this widow could be established at this time. However, etc (last sentence of 1st par.), followed by, "and this office will be glad to furnish the Commission, if requested, any information in its records regarding the case."

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Would suggest modifying Dupt's proposed letter, by substituting the above for last two sentences in par. 1.-

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NORFOLK, VA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WLR:PL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
NORFOLK, VA.

Brig. Gen. Ernest D. Scott, U.S.A., Ret.,
3549 Springland Lane, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of August 29th, I desire to advise that a careful search of our files fails to disclose any report of the alleged injury to Peleg S. Midgett during February 1932, nor do we find any report or mention of injury received by this man during the time he was employed at Nansemond River Light Station. Consequently, it appears that no claim of his widow could be legally accepted at this time. A final decision on this point rests with the U. S. Employees' Compensation Commission, Washington, D. C.

I desire to explain further that we can furnish no record of sick leave granted Mr. Midgett as at that time there was no law authorizing sick leave to keepers, but their entire annual leave was grouped and granted as leave of absence. All of this absence was, therefore, granted as annual leave. We do find, however, a letter from Nansemond River Light Station, February 22, 1932, stating that Mr. Midgett left the station on that date to go home due to illness of his wife. He returned to duty on March 18, 1932. Neither does our file disclose any record of medical treatment at the U. S. Public Health Service, where keepers are entitled to free treatment. This statement cannot be accepted as conclusive inasmuch as it is possible that he might have received treatment at the Public Health Service upon certificate of the principal keeper without knowledge of this Office.

The benefits of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law are not extended to widows.

The present address of Bruce Pounds (whom you refer to as R. B. Pounds) is c/o Mathias Point Light Station, Owens, Va. The present address of J. T. Ripley is Shadow, Va.

Respectfully,

N. C. Manyon,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY (PL)

3549 Springland Lane, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
August 29, 1938.

The Commander,
Fifth Lighthouse District,
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:

On a recent visit to Rodanthe, N. C., I became interested in the case of Peleg S. Midgett, former employee, Lighthouse Service, who died at Dahlgren, Va., November 15, 1933.

I took the statement of his widow and brother, and have since inquired further at the Headquarters of the Lighthouse Service here, and at the Employees Compensation Commission.

The widow had applied for compensation in March, 1934, but it was refused, as the death certificate carried the notation, "not incident to the service." In the Army that implies that death was from some cause brought on by the man's misconduct, but I now know what is meant and what are the requirements of law in the case of civil employees.

The widow and her brother-in-law allege that in February 1932, while attending a light beacon from Nansemond Lighthouse he was struck by a falling hook, on the head, and fell from the structure; that two men in a boat nearby assisted him; that he shortly came to his home at Manteo, N. C., where a doctor bandaged his chest; that subsequently he had various special leaves on account of illness due to this fall; that he complained of pains in the head, of having only partial use of one arm, of spells of drowsiness and forgetfulness, and expressed the fear that he was losing his mind.

From one of the doctors at Manteo I learned that he had a stroke while there, in September 1933, and returned to his station against the urgent advice of the doctor, This stroke was similar to the one from which he died two months later.

If the above can be established as correct, it would seem that a clear case for compensation exists, hence this letter.

Will you please furnish me with a transcript of the record of Peleg.S. Midgett for the years 1932 and 1933, which will enable me to check on absences from any cause, medical history, etc.? Also the present addresses of R. B. Pounds and J. T. Ripley, under whom the deceased served during those years. And I should appreciate any information bearing on the case which may be of record.

Very sincerely,

Ernest D. Scott,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A., Ret.