Catherine A. Murdock

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
New York.

INACTIVE

Catherine A. Murdock

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Rondout Light-Station, N. Y.	$560 pa.	Light-House	
Resigned Oct 31, 1907			

INACTIVE

Keeper

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.

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Geo. B. Cortelyou

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.) Mrs Catherine Ann. Murdock

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? C. A. Murdock

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

Esopus Town (City or town.) New York (State or Territory.) Ulster (County.) 18 (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Town Esopus

6. When were you born? September (Month.) 15th (Day.) 1828 (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.
James B Murdock	Son	Commerce & Labor	Light House Establishment	Laborer acting Keeper

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

Forty-Six (46) years (45 yrs. 11 mos.)

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.)

Before position was classified July 16th 1857 (Reappointment by Secretary Howell Cobb) $300.00 per annum

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

Corrected by glasses.

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.
X	X	X	X

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.
X	X	X	X

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.)

None

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.)

Daughter-in-law Emily Murdock Rondout Light-House.

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. July 9th, 1904.

Witness:

(Signature) E. M. Murdock

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Box # 285
City or town.
Rondout Water Co.
Number and street.
New York.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded MAR 4 1905, 190

(Signature) M R Shackenger

(Official title) Captain, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

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 Service (Bureau or Service.) Rondout St. Station (Place (city, town, or station).) Third (District.)

2. What position did she hold July 1, 1903? Keeper, Rondout St. Rondout, New York

3. On what date was she appointed to this position? July 16, 1857

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

Forty Six Years (46 yrs. 11 mos.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $560. 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, 1896

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

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

(Signature) H R Smackover

(Official title) Captain, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR,
3rd DIST.
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Rondout Light Station
Rondout N. Y. Aug 28, 1907

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
Resignation Accepted
SEP 12 1907
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Capt John A. Rodgers U. S. N.
Inspector 3d Dist Light-house Dist
Tompkinsville N. Y.

Gentlemen—

I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as Keeper of Rondout Light Station at Rondout, N. Y. the same to take Effect on October 31st 1907. I regret to offer this resignation, but after, over fifty years of Service, as Keeper, advanced Years and infirmities of age coming, admonish me that I ought to free myself as much as possible of the care responsibilities of life and especially the close confinement in my fable days with nearly four score years past I feel that some other one should take up the work — I have Endeavored to perform my duties during these many years faithfully and satisfactorily — I trust I have — I must add, that during all this time my relations with the representations of the Light-House department, have always been of a pleasant character, a fact that gives me much gratification now. In conclusion

I Remain Sincerely Yours
C. A. Murdock
Keeper Rondout Light-Station
Rondout
Ulster Co.
N. Y.

560 Jm

Per E.M.

9-12-07

as the Senior Keeper in the Service, I trust you will pardon me for calling your attention to the application of my son James B. Murdock as my successor he has assisted me for many years: at present and for at least for the last Eighteen years has chiefly performed my duties, to him is due largely the credit of successfully conducting the station, and he it is, who will provide me a home upon the termination of my duties. If you will recall that my son was born and brought up in the Pondoot Light-House, knows no other home which too, would be very hard for him to part with, he is very desirous of my position and I feel safe to say that he is fully qualified to perform all the duties and for his faithfulness none other can excel, hence again I beg you give this your best consideration at this late date as he has nothing else in view and has a family and mother to support. I also trust you will at your Earliest convenience let us know what the decision will be, and ask your board to give his application a favorable consideration.

Deeply and most Sincerely thanking you for past favors Extended.

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Enclosure

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Office Light House Board,

11 Sept 1907

Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved, to take effect 31 Oct 07 inclusive.

John Clarke

Lieut. Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

10166

September 12, 1907.

Madam:

The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of August 28, 1907, tendering your resignation as keeper of Rondout Light-Station, New York, and, upon the recommendation of the Light-House Board, hereby accepts it to take effect at the close of October 31, 1907.

The Department notes your continuous service of more than fifty years as a light-keeper, and avails itself of the present opportunity to express its satisfaction with the faithfulness displayed by you in performing the duty incident to that position during so long a period, in the course of which you were several times commended by the Light-House Board. It also takes pleasure in stating that the Inspector of the Third Light-House District, in a recent communication to the Light-House Board, reported that your record as keeper of the Rondout Light-Station was excellent.

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OCT - - 1907
C. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED

Yours very truly,

Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Catherine A. Murdock,
Keeper, Rondout Light-Station, New York.

Through the Light-House Board.

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
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