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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Nelson, Andrew, Allen		1845 MD

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: 1928 MD

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (MD) 5th District		
From: 1913	To: 1921	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

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- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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Form 93
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LIGHTHOUSES
1928 APR 5 AM 9 28

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., April 4, , 19 28

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: notice of death

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

Name, Andrew A. Nelson Position, Laborer

Legal residence, Maryland Station, RETIRED

Salary, 71.31 per annum

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

This employee has --- taken leave in excess of the accrued rate. ---

Remarks:

Mr. Nelson was retired effective August 16, 1920. He died on March 29, 1928.

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON APR 5 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

11—4623

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

NELSON, ANDREW A.

NELSON, ANDREW A.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE OM.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 10 1912 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT.

Baltimore, Maryland,
Oct. 9, 1912

SPECIAL

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Appointment

Name, Andrew A. Nelson — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, Laborer — Salary, $240.00 per annum

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 16 1912 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Location, Somers Cove Lightstation, Md.

Effective October 16, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, — Rating, — Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, — Services terminated,

Reason,

Remarks: To be paid from the appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Mr. Nelson has no relatives in the Government Service.

Ruland.
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 16 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved., for appointment of Nelson under the provisions of Schexule A, subdivision 1, section 6, civil service rules, the duties of the position requiring but a portion of his time. 11—2314

Acting Commissioner.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

October 16, 1912.

Mr. Andrew A. Nelson,
Through
the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, Civil Service Rules.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. O. SHIELDS

Chief of Appointment Division.

EOD. Oct 19 1912.

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Acting

Appropriation:
Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
New Position.
Legal Residence:
Maryland.

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Hydrog.
Engr. Comm.
Mar. Insp.
Accounts.
Contracts
Gen. Ofc.
Dep. Comm.
Scouts.

June 26, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Fifth Inspector's letter of the 18th instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 23rd instant, the Department has increased the pay of the position of laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland, from $240 to $300 per annum, and has issued a new appointment to Andrew A. Nelson, the incumbent thereof, effective on the date he enters on duty at the increased rate of pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUN 27 1915

To Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md.,
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
BALTIMORE, MD.

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Inclosures.
Somers Cove L.S.,Md.
Compensation, laborer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Supt. Shops.
Stenogr.

LIGHT
JUN 19 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Referred on
Department
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June 18, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Referring to Department Letter of October 16, 1912 appointing Mr. Andrew A. Nelson Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland.

I have to submit herewith a nomination for appointment of Mr. Nelson as Laborer at a compensation of $300. per annum effective July 1, 1915 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

In support of this recommendation there is submitted my inquiry of June 14 addressed to the keeper of this light station and the keeper's reply stating that the duties performed by Laborer Nelson required his presence at the station 300 days between July 1, 1914 and June 16, 1915.

The writer recently made an inspection of this station and noted that the duties required to be performed by Mr. Nelson are similar in kind and practically equal in quantity and quality to those performed by assistant keepers at small screw-pile lighthouses in Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. He is subject to call to duty at any time and this fact prevents his securing remunerative employment from any other source.

The compensation paid, $240. per annum, is not considered to be a living wage for a position which requires practically continuous service as it appears this station requires.

Recommendation would be made that this position be changed to that of assistant keeper with appropriate salary attached except that such action would throw out of employment the present deserving and elderly incumbent of the position of laborer.

H. D. King.
Lighthouse Inspector.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 19 1915

Baltimore, Md., (City.) June 18, (Date.) 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment involving increase in pay.

Name, Andrew A. Nelson — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, "Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland" — Salary, $300. per an.

Location, Somers Cove Light Station, Md. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 1, 1915 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, "Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland" — Former salary, $240. per an.

Location, Somers Cove Light Station, Md.

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

Previous incumbent, himself — Services terminated to, at close of June 30, 1915.

Reason, this recommendation.

Relatives in Government Service, One cousin

Remarks: See letter even date to Bureau in this matter. Recommendation in accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, Civil Service Rules. The duties of the position will require a great portion of the nominee's time.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District

King.
Lighthouse Inspector.

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3 inclosures.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Attention is invited to inclosed letter dated June 18, 1915, from the Fifth Inspector, and inclosures. The pay recommended is considered justified by the duties to be performed and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year. It is also recommended that the pay of the position of laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Md., be increased from $240 to $300 p.a.

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Commissioner.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 29 1915

June 26, 1915.

Mr. Andrew A. Nelson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Three Hundred dollars per annum,

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

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision I, section 6 of the Civil Service Rules.

(By increase in compensation from $240 per annum.)

E113 July 1, 1915. W

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Maryland.

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JUN 29 1915

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Office
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~ Rec OK
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
~~Insp. Commr.~~
Commr.

Records to be amended to show "Laborer" instead "asst Kpr"

LIGHT
MAR 25 1918
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 23, 1918

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Md.

Reference: Bureau letter of March 12, 1918.

Attention is invited to the fact that there is no assistant keeper at Somers Cove Light Station, Md. but that there is a laborer employed at that station by the name of Andrew A. Nelson, who receives $300. per an.

Laborer Nelson has held this position since Oct. 19, 1912 and this Office would very much like to see him receive the $10. additional a month if it can be paid him. Mr. Nelson was not appointed from a civil service register of eligibles and instructions are requested in the matter.

H. D. King

Lighthouse Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
April 2, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending amendment of Department approval dated March 13 of Bureau recommendation of March 12 for general temporary increases in pay of employees throughout the Service and to show that "laborer", instead of "assistant keeper", Somers Cove Light Station, Md., Fifth Lighthouse District, will receive an increase of $10 per month.

APPROVED:
(Signed) E. F. SWEET,
Acting Secretary.

Respectfully returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:
(Signed) Clifford Hastings,
Chief of Appointment Division

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April 6, 1918.

Subject: 5th Inspr.'s letter March 23, 1918, re increase pay laborer Somers Cove L.S., Md.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Baltimore, Md. for his information, guidance and files of office.

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Acting Commissioner.

Wm. Andrew A. Nelson

MR. ANDREW A. NELSON

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Md.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Laborer, Somers Cove L. S. Md.	$240.	L. H.	Oct. 19, 1912
" " " " "	$300.	"	July 1, 1915
Retired close Aug 15, 1920	$ 71.31		
Died - March 29, 1928.			

INACTIVE

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 10 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

SPECIAL

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT,
Baltimore, Maryland,
Oct. 9, 1912

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES OCT 16 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Appointment

Name, Andrew A. Nelson — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, Laborer — Salary, $240.00 per annum

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 16 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Location, Somers Cove Lightstation, Md.

Effective October 16, 1912 or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED OCT 16 1912 2:09 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, New Position (auth. D.L. Sept. 30, 1912) Services terminated,

Reason,

Remarks: To be paid from the appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Mr. Nelson has no relatives in the Government Service.

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Inspector.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN OCT 16 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

OCT 16 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved, for appointment of Nelson under the provisions of Schedule A, subdivision 1, section 6, civil service rules, the duties of the position requiring but a portion of his time.

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W. Conway
Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

October 16, 1912.

M
r. Andrew A. Nelson,
Through
the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

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

(In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, Civil Service Rules.)

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. C. SHELLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Acting

Appropriation:
Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
New Position.
Legal Residence:
Maryland.

CHANGE REPORTED
OCT 17 1912
U. S. COMMISSION.

11—3692

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK RECEIVED NOV 6 - 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 5 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, Andrew Allen Nelson

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.

Andrew Allen Nelson
(Appointee signs here)

witness H. Sterling

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 21st day of October, A. D. 1912

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Howard Sterling

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Laborer	$240.00 p.a.	Somers Cove Lightstation, Md.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 5th District

Baltimore, Md., (Address), Nov. 4, 1912 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct. 19, 1912 (Date)

New position

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED NOV 8 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

E. de Ruland
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector

[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.

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

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES NOV 5 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED NOV 6 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR
CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO NOV - 6 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR
DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED NOV 6 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CARDED

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 should 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. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Andrew Allen Nelson.

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

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

Crisfield	Maryland	Somerset	First
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Somerset County Md

6. When were you born?

January	15th	1847
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Abraham D. Nelson
Name.

Number and street.

Crisfield
City or town.

Maryland
State or Territory.

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No.				

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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

No.

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

no.

12. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No.					

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No.

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Pompon K	Don't Know date		disbanded
Under Civil War			

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. 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 indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Sailor

17. 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.

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

Seaman

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

none

20. 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.)

No. But at my suggestion By J. E. Stevenson Crisfield Md

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. October 21, 1912

(Signature) Andrew Allen Nelson, Asst Nurse

Witness:

P. O. Address: Crisfield Md
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Maryland
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov. 4, 1912

(Signature) Edle Ruland.

(Official title) Inspector

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed 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 foregoing questions is employed

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) | Somers Cove L. S., Md. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) | 5th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Laborer

3. State the date of appointment. Oct. 16, 1912

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

the date of entry on duty

5. State the date of the oath. Oct. 21, 1912

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Oct. 19, 1912

7. What is his salary? $240.00 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses"

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? excepted

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

"without examination"

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) E. E. Rulland

(Official title) Inspector

Date: Nov. 4, 1912

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1915

The action proposed in the attached communication, if approved, will create one additional position....

Designation.	Salary.
Laborer (Excepted)	$ 300. Pa
By increase in compensation from 240. Pa.	—

Geo. W. Tandy
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REOM

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 5th DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., (City.) June 18, (Date.), 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment involving increase in pay.

Name, Andrew A. Nelson — Orig appt Oct 19, 1912 Ef. not reported — Legal residence, Maryland

Position, "Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland" — Salary, $300. per an.

Location, Somers Cove Light Station, Md. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 1, 1915 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, "Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland" — Former salary, $240. per an.

Location, Somers Cove Light Station, Md.

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

New position - by omission in compilation.

Previous incumbent, himself — Services terminated to[1] at close of June 30, 1915.

Reason, this recommendation.

Relatives in Government Service, One cousin

Remarks: See letter even date to Bureau in this matter. Recommendation in accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, Civil Service Rules. The duties of the position will require a great portion of the nominee's time.

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

King

Secretary, Civil Service District — Lighthouse Inspector.

McC.
3 inclosures.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Attention is invited to inclosed letter dated June 18, 1915, from the Fifth Inspector, and inclosures. The pay recommended is considered justified by the duties to be performed and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year. It is also recommended that the pay of the position of laborer of Somers Cove Light Station, Md., be increased from $240 to $300 p.a.

June 25, 1915.

APPROVED: E. F. Sweet

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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

11—2314

Assistant Secretary.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

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REOM.
Inclosures.
Somers Cove L.S.,Md.
Compensation, laborer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 19 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

June 18, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.

Referring to Department Letter of October 16, 1912 appointing Mr. Andrew A. Nelson Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland.

I have to submit herewith a nomination for appointment of Mr. Nelson as Laborer at a compensation of $300. per annum effective July 1, 1915 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

In support of this recommendation there is submitted my inquiry of June 14 addressed to the keeper of this light station and the keeper's reply stating that the duties performed by Laborer Nelson required his presence at the station 300 days between July 1, 1914 and June 16, 1915.

The writer recently made an inspection of this station and noted that the duties required to be performed by Mr. Nelson are similar in kind and practically equal in quantity and quality to those performed by assistant keepers at small screw-pile lighthouses in Chesapeake Bay and tributaries. He is subject to call to duty at any time and this fact prevents his securing remunerative employment from any other source.

The compensation paid, $240. per annum, is not considered to be a living wage for a position which requires practically continuous service as it appears this station requires.

Recommendation would be made that this position be changed to that of assistant keeper with appropriate salary attached except that such action would throw out of employment the present deserving and elderly incumbent of the position of laborer.

King
Lighthouse Inspector

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 19 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

Copy
REOM.

Somers Cove L.S., Md.
Days of duty Laborer Nelson.

June 14, 1915

Keeper, Somers Cove L.S.

Inform this Office by return mail how many days laborer Nelson has been on duty at the station between July 1, 1914 and date of your reply to this letter.

M. D. King.

Lighthouse Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
BALTIMORE, MD.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

L. H.
INSPECTOR
JUN 17 1915
BALTIMORE,
MD.

LIGHT
JUN 19 1915
HOUSES

FIFTH DISTRICT

Somers Cove
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 16th, 1915

Light House Inspector

Sir

In answer to your letter of June 14th in regards to Laboser Nelson duty at this Station Sir Laborer Nelson has bin on duty at this Station between July 1st 1914 up to dat Three Hundred days 3 and days

Inspector
Chief Clerk ✓
Superintendent
1 A. Supt.
2 A. Supt.
3 A. Supt.
Draftsman
Mechanician
Accounts
Hydrographer
Ordering
Personnel ✓
Cost Keeping
Bills Clerk
When Avail
File

Respectfully
Edgar T Somers
Keeper Somers Cove
Light Station Md

June 26, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons set forth in the Fifth Inspector's letter of the 18th instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 23rd instant, the Department has increased the pay of the position of laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland, from $240 to $300 per annum, and has issued a new appointment to Andrew A. Nelson, the incumbent thereof, effective on the date he enters on duty at the increased rate of pay.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

CARDED.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1915.

Mr. Andrew A. Nelson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Three Hundred dollars per annum,

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

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision I, section 6 of the Civil Service Rules.

(By increase in compensation from $240 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED JUN 26 1915 PM JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDEN.

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Maryland.

CHANGE REPORTED JUL 1915 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

L. H. INSPECTOR JUL 2 1915 BALTIMORE, MD.
LIGHT JUL 3 1915 HOUSES
CHIEF CLERK JUL 7 1915
APPOINTMENTS JUL 7 1915

I, Andrew A. Nelson

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.

Andrew A Nelson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 1st day of July, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Notary Public

(Official title)

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland	$300. per an.	Somers Cove L.S.,Md.
Former[5] do	$240. " "	" " " " "

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

REOM
Inspector
Chief Clerk
Superintendent
1 A. Supt.
2 A. Supt.
3 A. Supt.
Draftsman
Mechanician
Accounts
Hydrographer
Ordering
Personnel
Cost Keeping
File Clerk
When Ansd
File
CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 5th District

Baltimore, Md., (Address) July 2, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1915 (Date)

H. D. King
(Signature, followed by title)
Lighthouse Inspector.

[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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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 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.)

Nelson, Andrew A.

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse Service, 5th Dist.

4. Designation of position:

Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Maryland

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

6. Annual earnings:

$300.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 240.p.a.

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—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		3	8

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

Maryland

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month: January

Year: 1847

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

E6

16. Marital condition:

S

17. War veteran?

Civil

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 1 Maryland

County: Somerset

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

NCE

21. Place of employment—

City: Baltimore

State: Maryland

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

FCR--REOM

Office of Inspector, 5th District
Baltimore, Md.

March 23, 1918

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Laborer at Somers Cove Light Station, Md.

Reference: Bureau letter of March 12, 1918.

Attention is invited to the fact that there is no assistant keeper at Somers Cove Light Station, Md., but that there is a laborer employed at that station by the name of Andrew A. Nelson, who receives $300. per an.

Laborer Nelson has held this position since Oct. 19, 1912, and this Office would very much like to see him receive the $10 additional a month if it can be paid him. Mr. Nelson was not appointed from a civil service register of eligibles and instructions are requested in the matter.

(signed) KING

Lighthouse Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
April 2, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending amendment of Department approval dated March 13 of Bureau recommendation of March 12 for general temporary increases in pay of employees throughout the Service to show that "laborer", instead of "assistant keeper", Somers Cove Light Station, Md., Fifth Lighthouse District, will receive an increase of $10 per month.

(Signed) G. R PUTNAM
1918 Apr. 3 PM 4.01.

APPROVED

E. F. Sweet

Acting Secretary.

1918 Apr. 4 PM 2.16. **Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses:**

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

C-N.

Dept. of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT

Name Andrew A. Nelson Date of Birth Jan. 15, 1847 Rating Laborer

Service Record Showing Character and Continuity of Service:-

Rating	From	To	Period of Service	Remarks
Laborer	Oct.19,1912	Aug.15,1920	7 yr.9 mo.27 da.	Somers Cove L.S., Md.

Pay during five service years preceding proposed date of retirement not including ration allowance, 5% & 10% increase for year 1918, nor $120. p.a. increase for year 1919:-

From	To	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	Rate p.a.	Amount paid
Aug.16,1915	Oct.31,1918	3	2	15	$300.00	$ 962.50
Nov. 1,1918	Aug.15,1920	1	9	15	480.00	860.00
		5	0	0		$1822.50
		Average for last five years.....				$ 364.50

Average for last five service years: $ 364.50 x 7.825 /40=$ 71.31

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md.

I desire to make formal application for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service from _____ 191_, as per service shown above.

Dated _____ 191_ Name _____ Rating _____

Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Baltimore, Md. July 28 1920.

Forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending retirement at $ 71.31 per annum beginning August 16 1920. The above record of service and pay is certified correct as shown by files of this office.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

JEH:LON
Inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

August 5, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Inclosed are copies of 5th Superintendent's letter of July 7, 1920 and Bureau indorsement of July 19, 1920, together with 5th Superintendent's report of July 27, 1920.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 10 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUL 29 1920

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BALTIMORE, MD.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Rec. ask 5th district as to civil service status of Nelson 7/10

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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

LIGHT JUL 8 1920 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 5TH DISTRICT
BALTIMORE, MD.

July 7, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

7/9/20 - asked.

Subject: Retirement status, Andrew A. Nelson, Laborer.
Reference: My letter, June 8th.

1. I am in doubt as to the proper status of Mr. Nelson who is employed in a position as laborer, Somers Cove Light Station. His name was at first included in Group 8 forwarded with above reference, later stricken out and again added. It now becomes necessary to make immediate and final decision in this case as reports have hust been received that Mr. Nelson is in such feeble health that he is unable longer to perform his duties.

2. Mr. Nelson entered on duty in this position on October 19, 1912, at a compensation of $240. per annum. As it later developed that Mr. Nelson was practically performing the duties of assistant keeper his pay was increased on July 1, 1915, to $300. per annum and on November 1, 1918, to $480. per annum. He was seventy-three years of age on January 15, 1920.

3. Somers Cove Light Station is a screw pile lighthouse in Crisfield Harbor. A single keeper might perform all the duties necessary except in connection with the operation of fog signal, a bell operated by clockwork, but by reason of the fact that Mr. Nelson has been required to be always available for duty when called upon he has been unable to undertake regular employment in addition and as above stated he has to all intents and purposes performed the duties of an assistant keeper, although it should be stated that such duties have been very light.

4. If under above conditions Mr. Nelson could be retired under provisions of the Lighthouse Service retirement act he could and would of necessity be retired now. If he is properly qualified as coming within the provisions of general retirement act he could not be retired but would be required to be separated from the Service as he is over seventy years of age and I would be unable to certify that he ought to be continued on duty.

5. It is recommended that if permissible under the existing statute that Mr. Nelson be retired under the provisions of the Lighthouse Service act, otherwise it will be necessary to recommend his separation without retired pay at an early date.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ACTION TAKEN
AUG 10 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. D. King

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file JRN-Hol.

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 28 1920
LIGHTHOUSES JUL 20 1920 BALTIMORE

July 19, 1920.

Subject: 5th Supt's. letter, July 7, 1920,
Andrew A. Nelson, Laborer, retirement status.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Baltimore, Md., for further report.

2. If Nelson is a full time employee it would appear that he comes within the provisions of the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law, and recommendation should be submitted accordingly. If he is not a full time employee he would come under the Retirement Act of May 22, 1920, provided he is in competitive classified service, that is, taken from a list of Civil Service eligibles at the time of his employment, or transferred from a competitive classified position. If it is found that Nelson comes within the Retirement Law of May 22, 1920, he would not be entitled to annuity on account of having less then 15 years of service, but he would be automatically retired unless recommendation for his retention was submitted and approved. Be guided accordingly in this and future similar cases.

Hydrog.
Engr. Comm.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Pub. Comm.
Comms.

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Baltimore, Md., July 27, 1920

HDK-MEM

1. Forwarded is copy of letter from the Keeper of Somers Cove Light Station regarding services of Andrew A. Nelson. In accordance therewith, this office considers that Nelson is entitled to retirement under the provisions of the Lighthouse Service law, and recommendation for his retirement will be made on the earliest practicable date. Retirement form will be forwarded soon.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(COPY)

Somers Cove, Md.

July 24, 1920.



Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In regards to Mr. Nelson, the number of hours per day that Mr. Nelson puts in the Lighthouse duties. He puts in full time, Sundays included, the same time a assistant keeper would put in. He was sick for fifteen days but had a substitute in his place. He has been absent from station three to four days a month. He would go to carry mail and get provisions and be absent from station a day. Mr. Nelson has not expended any of his time for duties of his own. Mr. Nelson has proved to me for to be a faithful man at this station in his duties in the Lighthouse Service. I have arrived at this conclusion by him being at the station only when to carry mail ar get provisions or sickness.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) EDGAR T. SOMERS

Keeper, Somers Cove Light Station, Md.

absent from?

August 10, 1920.

Sir:

In view of the fact that you have passed the age of seventy-three years, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, hereby retires you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Fifth District), with retired pay at the rate of $71.31 per annum, effective at the close of business on August 15, 1920.

Respectfully,

SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 17 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Mr. Andrew A. Nelson,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

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Form 93
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fifth DISTRICT,

Baltimore, Md., April 4, , 19 28

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the notice of death of the following-named employee:

Name, Andrew A. Nelson Position, Laborer

Legal residence, Maryland Station, RETIRED

Salary, 71.31 per annum

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

This employee has --- taken leave in excess of the accrued rate. ---

Remarks:

Mr. Nelson was retired effective August 16, 1920. He died on March 29, 1928.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
APR 14 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. D. King
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Enclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
APR 5 1928

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce,

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CARDED

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.