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Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Nelson (Nilson), Nils		

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: 1908 CT

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 (CT/RI)

From: 1902 To: 1908

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

(Agency & Location)

From: To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Final Return:

Nils Nelson

NILS NELSON

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Rhode Island

INACTIVE

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Sakonnet, Rhode Island	$600pa	Light-House	
		RESIGNED, -	April 20 ~~March 31~~, 1907
A.K. Southwest Ledge, Ct. (Reinstatement)	$5-15pa	" "	Oct 4-'07 e.o.d.
Died, Jan 21. 1908.			

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE NO. 5573.

Washington, December 19, 1902.

Four Enclosures.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Nils Nelson as Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet, R.I., light-station, to date from 22 Dec., 1902, with pay at the rate of $420. a year, in the place of Mr. Wilton S. Arnold, who, by Department letter of 12 Dec., 1902, was dismissed to date from 14 Nov., 1902, for disobedience of orders and using profane language.

Mr. Nelson has passed the required civil service examination and obtained a rating of 80 per cent.

Mr. Nelson stands No. 16 on the eligible list, Class 3, but the position was offered to the following-named persons whose names preceded his on the list, some of whom declined, and others were not heard from:

Herbert L. Perry. Offered the position on 20 Nov., 1902, but declined orally. Mr. Perry is now employed as Supply Yeoman on the Supply Steamer Armeria.

James C. Corcoran. Offered the position on 21 Nov.,'02, but no reply has been received.

James B. Murdock. Declined the position, and his letter is enclosed herewith.

Alfred A. Smith. Offered the position on 21 Nov., 1902, and no reply has been received.

George N. Thorpe . Declined the position, and his letter is enclosed herewith.

Frederick Johnson. Offered the position on 28 Nov., 1902, and no reply has been received.

Joseph W. Mason. Declined the position, and his letter is enclosed herewith.

Robert H. Weeden. Offered the position on 2 Dec., 1902, and no reply has been received.

Robert Buske. Offered the position on 8 Dec., 1902, and no reply has been received.

Carl V. Pedersen. Offered the position on 8 Dec., 1902, and no reply has been received.

George W. Tyler. Declined the position, and his letter is enclosed herewith.

Thomas L. Furey. Offered the position on 13 Dec., 1902, and no reply has been received.

Charles W. Blydenberg. Offered the position on 13 Dec., 1902, and no reply has been received.

Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins,

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form No. 247.—Ed. 9 23 1902 1,000.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

J.A.D.

Washington, D. C., December 30, 1902.

Mr. Nils Nelson,

Care of the Chairman

of the Light-House Board.

Sir:

Having been certified as eligible by the United States Civil Service Commission, you are hereby appointed Assistant KEEPER of the Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, with compensation at the rate of four hundred and twenty dollars ($420.00) per annum for a *probationary period of six months*, from December 22, 1902, subject to taking the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. A. Taylor.

Acting Secretary.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form 68-3.—Ed. 9 27 1900 2,000.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., December 30, 1902.

The Chairman of the
Light-House Board,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In order that the Department may comply with the requirements of Section 3, Rule VIII, Civil Service Rules, you will report to this office in writing near the end of the probationary term, viz: June 22, 1903,

of Mr. Nils Nelson,

appointed Assistant Keeper, Sakonnet Light-Station, Rhode Island,

on December 22, 1902, *to serve under your direction, whether* his *conduct and capacity have been satisfactory during said term, and whether you recommend* his *absolute appointment.*

If his *conduct and capacity have not been satisfactory, you will state specifically the reasons why they have not been.*

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. A. Taylor.

Acting *Secretary.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, December 30, 1902.

J.A.D.

The U.S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

On this date a probationary appointment was issued to Mr. Nils Nelson as Assistant Keeper of the Sakonnet Light-Station, Rhode Island, with compensation at the rate of four hundred and twenty dollars ($420.00) per annum, to date from December 22, 1902.

This position was offered to eligibles on the list whose names preceded that of Mr. Nelson, with the following results:

Mr. Herbert L. Perry, declined orally. Mr. Perry is now employed as Supply Yeoman on the supply steamer "Armeria."

Mr. James C. Corcoran; no reply received.

Mr. James B. Murdock, declined; letter of declination enclosed herewith.

Mr. Alfred A. Smith; no reply received.

Mr. George N. Thorpe, declined; letter of declination enclosed herewith.

Mr. Frederick Johnson; no reply received.

Mr. Joseph W. Mason, declined; letter of declination enclosed.

Mr. Robert H. Weeden; no reply received.

Mr. Robert Buske; no reply received.

Mr. Carl V. Pedersen; no reply received.

Mr. George W. Tyler, declined; letter of declination enclosed.

Mr. Thomas L. Furey; no reply received.

Mr. Charles W. Blyndenberg; no reply received.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. A. Taylor.

Acting Secretary.

(4 Enclosures)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 138 c.—Ed. 6 27 1902 1,000.

LETTER ASKING FULL APPOINTMENT OF KEEPER.

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COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE NO. 5573. '02.

Mr. Nils Nelson
Assistant Keeper
Sakonnet, R. I.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, 9 June, '03.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the full appointment of **Mr. Nils Nelson** as **Assistant** Keeper of **Sakonnet, R. I.,** Light-Station, to date from 22 **June, '03,** with pay at the rate of $ 420.00 a year.

The probationary appointment of **Mr. Nelson** will expire on **21 June, '03,** and his full appointment is recommended by the Inspector of the **3d** Light-House District.

Respectfully,

C. F. Hutchins
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.
Form 248.—Ed. 10 11 1900 1,000.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

J. A. D.

Washington, D. C., June 24, 1903.

Mr. Nils Nelson,

Care of the Chairman

of the Light-House Board.

Sir:

Having served satisfactorily for the probationary period of six months required by law, you are hereby *absolutely* appointed Assistant KEEPER of the Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, with compensation at the rate of Four hundred and twenty dollars $420. per annum from June 28, 1903, subject to taking the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. M. SHAW

Secretary

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 1 4 1900 1,500.

OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

I, Nils Nelson, of New London New London County, Conn, do solemnly swear 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.

Nils Nelson

E.O.d. 28 Dec 1902. b

Sworn and subscribed before me,
this 14th day of January A. D. 1903

T. R. Brownell Jr.
Notary Public in R. I.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Asst't Keeper	Sakonnet Light	Norway	Conn

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a 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. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 1 20 1903 3,000.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

I, Nils Nelson

do solemnly Swear 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.

Nils Nelson

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 4th day of July A. D. 1903

Reuben Lund

Notary Public

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Light House 1st Asst Keeper	Sakonnet	Norway	Connecticut

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a 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. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

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The Board has the honor to ask the promotion of Mr. Nils Nelson, from the position of Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet, R. I., Light-Station, to that of Keeper at the same station, to date from 1 Oct., 1903, with pay at the rate of $600. a year, in the place of Mr. Richard Curran, transferred.

Respectfully,

C. J. Hutchins
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

Oct. 1 1903

APPROVED:

Geo. M. Cortelyou
SECRETARY.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

October 1, 1903.

Mr. Nils Nelson, of ,

is hereby appointed Keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, R. I.,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect October 1, 1903, or as

soon thereafter as oath of office is taken.

(By promotion from the position of Assistant Keeper at the same station, at a salary of $520 per annum.)

Change reported to
Civil Service Commission

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

I, Nils Nelson do solemnly swear 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.

Nils Nelson

E.O.d. Oct 1, 1903.
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Sworn and subscribed before me, this 22d day of October A. D. 1903

John D. Taylor
Notary Public.

JOHN D. TAYLOR — NOTARY PUBLIC — STATE OF OHIO

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Light House Keeper,	Sakonnet.	Norway	Conn.

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a 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. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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.

CARDED

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.)

Nils Nelson

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Nils Nelson

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

Little Compton (City or town.) Rhode Island (State or Territory.) Newport Co (County.) 1st. (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Norway

6. When were you born? September (Month.) 25 (Day.) 1870 (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.
No				

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

From December 22nd 1902

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.)

Local C S Exam 3rd L. H. District May 21st 1902

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

No

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

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

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

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

Merchant Marine Service

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.")

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

For Light house Keeper or asst Keeper 3rd L. H. District May 21st 1902

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.)

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. July 9th, 1902

Witness:

(Signature) Nils Nelson

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Little Compton
City or town.

Sakonnet Light Station
Number and street.

Rhode Island
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded MAR 4 1905, 190

(Signature) M R Smackenzie

(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.) Sakonnet St Station (Place (city, town, or station).) Third (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? asst Keeper, Sakonnet St. Little Compton, R. I.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? December 22, 1902 ✓

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

Six Months.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $420. 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.)

Local C. S. Exam. for Light-House Keeper or Asst Keeper 3d L.H. Dist. May 21, 1902

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

(Signature) M K V Machmer

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

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To U S Light house Inspector
3rd District
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir

I hereby have to request and offer you my resignation as Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station R. I. to take effect March 31. 1907.

Very Respectfully
Nils Nelson
Keeper Sakonnet Lt Station
Little Compton
R.I.

$600 pa

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Resignation Accepted
MAR 20 1907
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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March 20, 1907.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Board's indorsement of the 19th instant, the Department accepts the resignation of Mr. Nils Nelson, of Rhode Island, as keeper of Sakonnet Light-Station, Rhode Island, at a salary of $600 per annum, to take effect at the close of March 31, 1907. Apr. 30, 1906 (See amended time)

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

CARDED

The Light-House Board.

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26 April, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask that Department letter of 20 March, '07, accepting the resignation of Mr. Nils Nelson as Keeper of Sakonnet, R. I., Light-Station, to take effect at the close of 31 March, '07, be amended to take effect at the close of 20 April, '07.

The Board is informed by the Inspector of the Third Light-House District that Mr. Nelson's successor Thos Lawson did not take charge of this station until 21 April, '07, and Mr. Nelson remained on duty until his relief arrived.

Respectfully,

Lawsons oath not recd -
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Thos L. Casey
Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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April 27, 1907.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Board's request of the 26th instant, Department letter of March 20, 1907, accepting the resignation of Nils Nelson as keeper of Sakonnet Light-Station, Rhode Island, to take effect at the close of March 31, 1907, is hereby amended so that it shall take effect at the close of April 20, 1907.

Yours very respectfully,

CARDED

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

February 1, 1906.

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 officer in immediate charge should review the information given by the appointee or employee, and if correct, should forward the form to the Chief of the Bureau without delay. The information called for by the questions in Part II should then be supplied and the form forwarded to the Department.



V. H. Metcalf

Secretary.

CARDED

PART I.

(Part I should be executed 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.) Mr. Nels Nelson

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

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.) Northport (City or town.) Mich. (State or Territory.) Leelanau (County.) Ninth (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Gills Pier, Mich.

6. When were you born? August (Month.) First (Day.) 1884 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. 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? (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.
Knut Nelson	Brother	Com. & Labor	Lighthouse	2d asst. Keeper

9. 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.)

By civil service exam. July 1906. Asst. Light House Keeper

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

No.

11. 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.)

No.

12. 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.
No.			

13. 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.
No			

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

Worked on farm continuously.

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, completed eighth Grade work.

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

None in particular.

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

Asst Light House Keeper, Exam. July 31st 1906.

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

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

Asst Light House Keeper, Exam. July 31st 1906.

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.)

No. Ivan E. Thomas Northport, Mich.

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filed. June 1st, 1907

Witness: (Signature) Neb Nelson

In case signature is by mark. P. O. Address: Northport (City or town.)

Number and street.

Mich. (State or Territory.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 4, 1907.

(Signature) J. M. Orchard
Commander, U.S.N.,

(Official title) Inspector, 9th L.H. District.

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.

Light-House. (Bureau or Service.) Grand Traverse, Mich. (Place (city, town, or station).) Ninth. (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. May 20, 1907.

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

April 30, 1907.

5. State the date of the oath. June 1, 1907.

6. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. April 30, 1907.

7. What is his salary? $450 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses.

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

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

11. In what manner did the appointee or 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.)

Civil Service Examination.

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

(Signature) J. M. Orchard,
Commander, U.S.N.,

(Official title) Inspector, 9th L.H. District.

Date: June 4, 1907.

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File No. 5573.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Civil Service Regulations governing the Light House Service, adopted 1 May, '07, the Board has the honor to ask the reinstatement in the Light House Service, of Mr. Nils Nelson, and that he be appointed Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge, Conn., Light Station, with pay at the rate of $515 a year, to date from 4 Oct., '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. William S. Rathbun, resigned. Sept 30. 07

By Department letter of 20 March, '07, the resignation of Mr. Nelson as Keeper of Sakonnet, R. I. Light Station, was accepted, to take effect at the close of 31 March, '07. That Department letter was subsequently amended by Department letter of 27 April, '07, so that the resignation would take effect at the close of 20 April, '07. 9-28-07

Respectfully,

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Rear Admiral, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

CERTIFICATE FOR REINSTATEMENT IN THE CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE UNDER RULE IX.

No. 8500

September 30, 1907.

United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C.

Nils Nelson

Rhode Island

Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut

$15.00 p. a.

Light-House Service

In response to your request dated September 30, 1907, for the necessary certificate for the reinstatement of Nils Nelson of Rhode Island, Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light-Station, Rhode Island, in the classified service of the Light-House Service, at $600.00 per annum, which resignation is hereby made that he may be so reinstated, it appearing that he was appointed, without delinquency or misconduct, from the position of Keeper at $600 per annum in the classified service of the Light-House Service on the 20th day of April 1907, which appointment was accepted by him in writing on the same day.

Very respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

CERTIFICATE FOR REINSTATEMENT IN THE CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, UNDER RULE IX.

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United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C., October 2, 1907.

TO THE Secretary of Commerce & Labor.

Sir:

In response to your request dated September 30, 1907, for the necessary certificate for the reinstatement of Nils Nelson of Rhode Island as Assistant Keeper at $ 515 per annum in the classified service of the Light House Service, certification is hereby made that he may be so reinstated, it appearing that he was separated, without delinquency or misconduct, from the position of Keeper at $ 600 per annum in the classified service of the Light House Service on the 20th day of April, 1907, within one year next preceding the date of your requisition.

to Asst Keeper Southwest Ledge L-S Conn
515 pa - vice - Wm S Rathbone

10-3-07

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION [illegible] REVISED STATUTES.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

October 3, 1907.

I, Mr Nils Nelson, of Rhode Island, is hereby appointed

do solemnly swear that I will support 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.

Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut,

in the Light House Service,

with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred and fifteen

dollars per annum, effective beginning October 4, 1907,

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Nils Nelson

or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice William S. Rathbun.)

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Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 4th day of October A. D. 1907

(By reinstatement in accordance with Certificate No. 8500.)

CARDED

Name:

Official title: Notary Public

Assistant Secretary.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	[illegible]
The Light-House Board,			
Asst Keeper	Southwest Ledge Light Sta Conn.	Norway	Rhode Island

"Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
"Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge of [illegible] other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector or Deputy Collector who administers oaths in such cases. The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.
In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

Date 4 1907

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OATH OF OFFICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Nils Nelson

do solemnly[a] swear 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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Nils Nelson

CARDED.

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1907

[c] Name: Geo H. Rowe

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

NEW HAVEN CONN. GEORGE W. HOWE NOTARY PUBLIC

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
asst Keeper	Southwest Ledge Light Sta. Conn.	Norway	Rhode Island

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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.

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Light House Board,
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Chief Clerk.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons appointed in the Department of Commerce and Labor after June 30, 1903.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 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 by the questions in Part II of this form, relative to each person appointed or employed in your Bureau after June 30, 1903, now serving or hereafter appointed or employed, 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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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.)

Nils Nelson

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Nils Nelson

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

Newport (City or town) Rhode Island (State or Territory.) Newport (County.) 2 and (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Norway

6. When were you born? September (Month.) 25th (Day.) 1870 (Year.)

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

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (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.
	No			

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

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

No

11. Have you ever held any position in the civil service of the United States prior to the time of your present appointment? (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.)

L H Service 3rd L H Dist

12. 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.
USC&G S Str Blake			

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.
USC&G S Str Blake			
	July 19. 1896	July 15th 1898	My request

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 11, 12, and 13.)

Seaman

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.")

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X Written in office of 3d Inspector.

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

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

For Keeper or Asst Keeper 3rd L H Dist
Oct 3rd 1907

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.)

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled October 22nd, 1907

Witness:

(Signature) Nils Nelson

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: New Haven
City or town.
Southwest Ledge Light Station
Number and street.
Connecticut
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Dec 20, 1907

(Signature) John A Rodgers

(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 is employed.

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta. Conn. (Place (city, town, or station).) Third (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Asst. Keeper, Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.

3. State the date of appointment. Oct. 3, 1907

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. Oct. 4, 1907

5. What is his salary? $515 per annum

6. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses

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

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

9. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter 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.)

By reinstatement.

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

(Signature) John A Rodgers

Date: Dec. 20, 1907

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

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board regrets to report the death, on 21 Jan'y, '08, of Mr. Nils Nelson, Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge, Conn., Light-Station, who, it is stated, committed suicide on that date.

Respectfully,

J. M. Helm

Commander, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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January 25, 1908.

Gentlemen:

I am directed by the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of the Board's letter of the 24th instant, reporting the death on the 21st instant, of Mr. Nils Nelson, assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut.

Respectfully,

CARDED

Robert Pindell Jr
Chief of Appointment Division.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
Washington

January 27, 1908.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, inclosing newspaper clippings, relative to the recent suicide of Nils Nilson, x assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, and to inform you that it has been forwarded to the Light-House Board in this City for its consideration.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. Beadleigh
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. George Brereton,
8 Baldwin Place,
New Haven, Connecticut.

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x Nils Nelson

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1st ENDORSEMENT.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

January 8th, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Geo. Ivereton, 8 Baldwin Place, New Haven, Conn.

Submits clipping relative to suicide of Nils Nilson, assistant lighthouse keeper, and requests action.

Respectfully forwarded to the Department of Commerce and Labor and the writer so advised.

By direction of the Secretary of the Navy:

Chief Clerk.

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Letter, dated January 22, 1908, from Mr. George Brereton of New Haven, Connecticut, inclosing newspaper clipping, relative to suicide of Nils Nilson.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Office of the Secretary

January 27, 1908.

Respectfully forwarded to the Light-House Board, for its consideration.
By direction of the Secretary.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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first paragraph of the letter have received the attention of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Secretary.

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Letter from George Brereton, of New Haven, Connecticut, dated January 30, 1908, referring to the suicide of an assistant light-house keeper, and to matters connected with the administration of railway affairs.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Office of the Secretary.

February 4, 1908.

Respectfully referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The matters alluded to in the first paragraph of the letter have received the attention of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Secretary.

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