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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
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Date: 5/16/2023

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig, L.	23-003
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

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
Norvell, Margaret, R		1863 Washington DC

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☑ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service): CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service	From: 1896	To: 1932
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2:2805350 8085

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed WLL

☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: NORVELL, MARGARET R **DOB:** 1867
1896-1932 NEW ORLEANS, LA DOD 1934

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	(negative)
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	(negative)
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	(positive)	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	(negative)
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	(negative)
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	(positive)	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Mrs. Margaret R. Norwell (Name) — La. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Position from Treasury	$600 pa.	Lighthouses-Port Buchartrain	July 1, 1903
"	Increase	780	" " "	Nov. 1, 1918
"	Trans.	780	" New Canal, La.	Apr. 1, 1924
"	Read. of pay	1020	" " "	July 1, 1924
"	Readjustment of pay Act Dec. 8, 1924	1200	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1260	" " "	July 1, 1925
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1380	" " "	JUL 1 1928

Retired Commencing May 1, 1932.
Annuity $1014 per annum.
Died July 17, 1934

July 27, 1934.

Mr. Thomas Norvell,
1623 St. Roch Avenue,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

My dear Mr. Norvell:

The Department has received official notice of the death of your mother, Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell, formerly a Keeper in the Eighth Lighthouse District.

The records show that prior to her retirement Mrs. Norvell had been employed by the Department for approximately forty-one years. The Department regrets exceedingly to learn of her death and I wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN DICKINSON JUL 31 1934

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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Form 93

LEC LIGHTHOUSES

1934 JUL-21- AM 9:04

NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION~~ OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 23 1934
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

1934 JUL-23- PM 8-11

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8TH DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK

New Orleans, La., July 19, 1934

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Mrs. (MAGGIE) Margaret R. Norvell

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, Retired

Legal residence, Louisiana

Station,

Salary, $1014 per annum, Retired Pay

Date of death - July 17, 1934

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

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

Remarks: The records of this office show that Mrs. Norvell was appointed acting keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., April 22, 1891; Keeper, March 10, 1892; transferred as Keeper of Port Pontchartrain Lighthouse, La., October 31, 1896; transferred as Keeper of New Canal Lighthouse, La., April 1, 1924, and retired from active duty effective May 1, 1932, thus completing a length of service of 41 years, 0 months and 9 days.

A son, Mr. Thomas Norvell, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Norvell, address 1623 St. Roch Avenue, New Orleans, La., survive.

approx. 41 yrs. service

7-22-34

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
AUG 4 1934
SHEET NO. 4585
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. S. Lamplier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

H-M

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~ for information.

CANCELED

11—4623

For the Commissioner:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
JUL 23 1934
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

R. L. Jones
Chief of Personnel Division

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Eighth District), with retired pay at the rate of $1014 per annum, effective beginning May 1, 1932.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER. MAY - 3 1932

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
APR 30 1932
SHEET NO. 4088
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

April 29, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Madam:

The Department is today advising you, in a separate letter of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service after serving in that organization for 41 years.

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

Very sincerely,

R. P. LAMONT MAY - 3 1932

Secretary of Commerce.

DSR

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON April 25, 1932.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 26 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1932 APR 29 PM 3:06

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 29 1932
APPOINTMENT
CHIEF CLERK

Secretary of Commerce:

1. There is herewith submitted a recommendation from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for the compulsory retirement of Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Light Station, effective beginning May 1. It will be noted from the records that Mrs. Norvell has been retained beyond the maximum retirement age of seventy and should have been retired on March 1, she having according to the record been born on February 11, 1862. This situation is due to the fact that the records of the district office showed her date of birth as February 11, 1863. In view of these conflicting dates of birth, Mrs. Norvell was directed to submit documentary evidence, in compliance with which she has furnished the attached photostatic copy of contract with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, bearing the date of birth as February 11, 1862. Mrs. Norvell apparently is unable to obtain evidence in accordance with other preferential methods prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473. She was born and baptized in Washington, D. C., but inquiries made by the Bureau with a view to obtaining certified copies of birth or baptismal record have been without result. In this connection the Bureau communicated with the Bureau of Vital Statistics and an officer of St. Matthew's Church.* As the attached insurance policy shows the year of birth as 1862, which is the same as that given in the hand writing of Mrs. Norvell on personal history sheet executed by her on June 4, 1904, it appears that this is the correct year of birth and that the year 1863, which is carried on the records of the district office, resulted from a typographical error. The retirement of Mrs. Norvell at this time therefore appears proper and is recommended by the Bureau in accordance with the attached computation submitted by the Superintendent.

2. Copies of correspondence between the Bureau and the Superintendent are inclosed, and particular attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of April 14 in reply to Bureau telegram of April 14 as to an explanation of the manner in which the discrepancy occurred.

* St. Stephens has records only from 1867, says ad. Gross. D 4/28

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF
Incls.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
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APR 29 1932

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 26 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date April 9, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighth District

New Orleans, La.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective May 1, 1932, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Margaret P. Norwell
(Name)

Keeper, New Canal Light Station, La.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City New Orleans, La. *Date* April 12, 1932

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1014.00 per annum, effective at the close of April 30, 1932.

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

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, April 21, 1932.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval, attention in this connection being invited to Bureau letter of even date.

A. P. Harman
Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

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Action O. K.

Asst. Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
APR 29 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name Margaret Ruth Norvell Date of birth February 11, 1862

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (New Canal L.S., La.)

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment	Apr.	22	1891	Apr.	30	1932	
Total service			41 yrs. 0 mos. 9 das.				

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received:

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper in the Light-house Service (New Canal L.S., La.)	May	1	1927	June	30	1928	$1260 p.a.	$1470.00
	July	1	1928	Apr.	30	1932	1380 p.a.	5290.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service $6760.00

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1352.00

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1352.00 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = 1014.00

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

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Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

March 15, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

SUBJECT: Status for retirement of Mrs. Maggie Norvell, Keeper, New Canal Light Station.

The records of the Department indicate that this employee was born on February 11, 1862 and accordingly it appears she was seventy years of age on February 11 last and should have been recommended for retirement effective beginning March 1, 1932. If your records are in agreement, it is requested that recommendation be promptly submitted for the retirement of Mrs. Norvell as of March 1, the length of service and statement of pay for the last five years to be computed only to the close of February 10. It is also requested that your recommendation be accompanied by a statement explaining the failure of your office to recommend the retirement of this employee as herein stated, sufficiently in advance of the effective date to permit of Department approval.

For the Commissioner:

(Sgd.) W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant.

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Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., March 18, 1932.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses.
2. The records of this office show that Mrs. Norvell was born February 11, 1863; therefore will be 70 years of age on February 11, 1933. Will the Bureau please advise from what record the date of February 11, 1862, was taken.

(Sgd.) E. S. Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Copy

Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington

March 22, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Your indorsement of March 18 regarding date of birth of Keeper Maggie Norvell.

On Mrs. Norvell's personal history sheet in the Department made out in her own handwriting under date of June 4, 1904 she shows her date of birth as February 11, 1862. The record does not show that this date was ever officially amended. Accordingly she attained the retirement age of 70 last month and apparently should have been retired beginning March 1, 1932. In cases where a discrepancy in the date of birth of an employee occurs it is required by the Civil Service Commission and the Department that the employee establish his correct date of birth by documentary evidence as prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473, a copy of which is inclosed, and in accordance with which it is requested that this employee promptly establish her date of birth. If her date of birth is established as February 11, 1863, no further action will of course be required at this time, although your office should submit the evidence with recommendation that the official record be amended, if, however, the date February 11, 1862 is established, your office should submit the evidence together with recommendation for her retirement at this time. It is suggested that you recommend her retirement effective on the first day of the month following the month in which you recommend her retirement, and that an explanation of the facts be made as to her retirement not being recommended in due time. In computing her retired pay, assuming that her date of birth in 1862 is established, it is suggested that you compute her total service only to the close of February 10, in the same manner as would have been done if her retirement had been effected in due season.

Your attention is again called to the importance of maintaining correct and consistent dates of birth, as the whole question of retirement directly depends upon them. This matter has been the subject of a number of circular letters to districts, the last one being under date of January 2, 1931. It is therefore requested that a careful examination be made of the circumstances which caused the present discrepancy to occur, to the end that other records can be checked and any similar discrepancies corrected in due time. It is requested that this matter be greatly expedited on account of the necessity of immediate action, if this employee is now seventy.

For the Commissioner:

(Sgd.) W. P. Harman,
Administrative Assistant.

RG:ECC
Incl.

Copy

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent, 8th District.
New Orleans, La.
March 26, 1932.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell -
Correct date of birth.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of March 22, 1932, relative to date of birth of Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Light Station, La.:

2. The Chief Clerk of this office had a personal interview with Mrs. Norvell and while she states that the date February 11, 1862, is erroneous there seems to be a doubt in her mind as to the exact date of her birth. She will endeavor to secure from the family bible which is in the custody of her uncle, the correct date of her birth. It was suggested to her that a photostatic copy of this record, if found, be made and forwarded to this office together with a statement sworn to before a notary public. As soon as received, this record will be transmitted to the Bureau. She had no other documentary evidence to submit.

3. Mrs. Norvell stated that she was born in Washington, D. C., and christened in the St. Matthew's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue. This information is furnished with the thought that the Bureau might endeavor to secure the correct date of birth from the church records. She was christened Margaret Celeste Ruth.

(Sgd.) E. S.Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Encl-

Copy

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent, 8th District
New Orleans, La.
April 4, 1932.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell -
Correct date of birth.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter from this office dated March 26, 1932, relative to the date of birth of Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Lighthouse, La.:

2. An affidavit signed by Thomas D. Dimitry, an uncle of Mrs. Norvell's has been received, stating that the correct date of birth of Mrs. Norvell is February 11, 1864, as taken from the family records. Mrs. Norvell has been directed to furnish this office with a photostat copy of the record from which the date February 11, 1864, was taken, and as soon as it is received, it will be forwarded to the Bureau.

3. Since there are now three dates in conflict, it is recommended that the Bureau endeavor to secure the date of birth from the records of St. Matthew's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Norvell was christened Margaret Celeste Ruth. It has been learned that her mother, Virginia Eliza Dimitry was married to Enoch Fenwick Ruth on December 31, 1856, at Washington, D. C.

(Sgd.) E. S. Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
Washington April 6, 1932.

Returned to 8th Superintendent. In telephone conversation with an official of the church referred to in paragraph 3, this office was advised that the records do not show the name of this employee; also that St. Matthew's Church is located on Rhode Island Avenue instead of Pennsylvania Avenue.

It is requested therefore that a photostat or certified copy of the family record, as outlined in method (2) of Form 2473, be forwarded.

For the Commissioner:

(Sgd.) R. J. GROSS,
Chief of Personnel Division.

SPECIAL

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

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Incls.

LIGHTHOUSE

1932 APR-13-AM 9:38

Mrs. M. R. Norvell,
Retirement

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 12, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter, dated April 9, 1932, written to Mrs, M. R. Norvell, Keeper, New Canal Light Station, together with the affidavit referred to in letter of April 4, 1932. Upon receipt of the affidavit, Mrs. Norvell was requested to furnish a photostat of the record referred to in it. Mrs. Norvell was told that if she could not have a copy made, this office would have it done if the original of the record were furnished. She has not complied, and stated in letter of April 7, 1932, inclosed, that there are no records to substantiate the affidavit of Thomas D. Dimitry. Therefore this affidavit should be dismissed from consideration.

2. Mrs. Norvell has submitted an insurance policy with the Equitable Assurance Society which indicates that she is now 70 years of age. The date of birth in the copy of the application appears to have had a blot placed on it, but it is apparently February 11, 1862. Her age was given on the first page of the policy as 41 years in May, 1903, therefore there seems to be no doubt that she is now 70 years of age. Photostat of first and last page of life insurance policy inclosed.

3. In view of the fact that the record which the Bureau holds agrees with the life insurance policy, there is no reasonable doubt that Mrs. Norvell has reached the age of 70 years, and it is recommended that she be retired effective at the close of April 30, 1932.

4. Inclosed herewith is Form 9, signed by Mrs. Norvell, applying for retirement.

5. It is requested that this office be wired of the action to be taken in order that steps may be taken to fill the vacancy at this station.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 APR-13- AM 9:36

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

April 9, 1932

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper,
New Canal Light Station,
7165 West End Boulevard,
New Orleans, La.

1. Referring to the insurance policy which you forwarded today, it appears to this office that the record on same is that you were born on February 11, 1862. Therefore you have reached the age of 70 years and, accordingly, must fill out the inclosed application for retirement and return same promptly to this office. All that is necessary is to sign each copy on the line indicated by pencil check mark. Return all three copies to this office.

2. It appears from the insurance policy that there is a blot on the date of your birth stated in the copy of the application, but this date appears to be February 11, 1862. The first page of the policy, however, is dated May 20, 1903, and it is stated on the first page that your age was 41 years at that time. The age given on a policy is always the age reached prior to the date of the policy or the age which will be reached in a period of less than six months from the date of the policy. Therefore you were, on May 20, 1903, 41 years of age.

3. From February 11, 1903, to February 11, 1932, is 29 years, which added to the 41 years, makes you 70 years of age on February 11, 1932.

4. Return the application without delay as this matter must no longer be delayed as you are now past the age of 70 and should have been retired on March 1, 1932.

5. Your insurance policy is returned herewith a photostat has been taken of the first page and the last page showing the facts above stated.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTH
1932 APR-13- AM 9:36
1932 APR-13- AM 9:

Eighth District
New Canal, West End
April 7th, 1932

Supt. of Lighthouses
8th Dist., New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The old Bible in my Uncle's possession did not have the record of my birth so Mr. T. D. Dimitry attested according to his memory as he stated but my Equitable Assurance Policy which I enclose is accurate - as Feb. 11th 1863 gives me 69 years in 1932.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Margaret R. Norvell

LIGHTHOUSES

STATE OF LOUISIANA.
PARISH OF ORLEANS.

1932 APR-13-AM 9:38

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority Thomas D. Dimitry, well known to me deposeth and saith,

That his sister Virginia Eliza Dimitry, was married to Enoch Fenwick Ruth on December 31, 1856, at Washington D. C.

That one of the issues of said marriage is his niece Margaret Celeste Ruth, who was born on Feb 11, 1864. at Washington D. C. to the personal knowledge of the affiant.

Deponent further deposes and says that at the time of the aforementioned birth of his niece, Margaret Celeste Ruth he was living in the city of Washington, D. C. and maintained a residence there for a number of years thereafter. And that the family records and other sources of information on which he basis this belief and declaration are true and correct.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 28 MARCH, 1932.

Thomas D. Dimitry

George Eliza

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Copy

RG:MMS

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC APRIL 14, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
ROOM 220 CUSTOMHOUSE
423 CANAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

RE BIRTH DATE KEEPER M R NORVELL SUBMIT PROMPT WRITTEN STATEMENT SHOWING EVIDENCE ON DATA ON WHICH YOUR RECORD WAS BASED WITH EXPLANATION AS TO HOW DISCREPANCY IN RECORD OCCURRED

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
WJB:LEC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LIGHTHOUSES

Mrs. M. R. Norvell,
Retirement

1932 APR-16- AM 9:02

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 14, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Replying to Bureau's telegram of even date requesting statement showing evidence or data on which the record of this office was based relative to the birth date of Mrs. M. R. Norvell, and requesting explanation as to how the discrepancy in the record occurred, the following report is submitted:

2. The retirement record of Mrs. M. R. Norvell was prepared from a service record card, old Form 15, which form showed the date of birth as 1863, February 11. Mrs. Norvell entered the Service by appointment dated April 22, 1891, and this old service record card, Form 15, is the only record which can be located giving the date of her birth.

3. It is impossible to suggest as to how the discrepancy between the record in this office and the record in the Bureau as to the date of birth of Mrs. Norvell occurred.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COPY OF APPLICATION.

I, Margaret Dimitry Norvell, hereby apply to The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S. for a G.C.B. Policy on the Coin Pay plan, for $2000, with a ____ annual Premium of $87.64, and an Accumulation Period of 20 years.

My occupation is that of Lighthouse keeper R. D.

My residence is No. Milnesburg - Orleans - Pa.

My place of business is No. " " "

Send Premium Notices to No. " " "

I was born at Washington D.C. on the 11 of Feb, 18[illegible].

My age at my nearest birth-day is therefore 41 years. Make Policy payable to my estate

(born on the ____ of ____ 1____)

If living at my death; otherwise to my executors, administrators or assigns—it being expressly understood and agreed that I reserve the right, provided the policy is not then assigned, to change any beneficiary or beneficiaries named by me, by filing with the Society during the continuance of the policy a written request duly acknowledged accompanied by the policy, such change to take effect upon the endorsement of the same on the policy by the Society. I further reserve the right at my option, provided the policy is not then assigned, to surrender the policy, and to receive the Surrender value thereof as therein provided.

I hereby agree that this application, and the policy hereby applied for, taken together, shall constitute the entire contract between the parties hereto; that all the statements and answers herein are warranted to be true; that this contract shall not take effect until the first premium has been paid during my good health. I have not been declined or postponed by any Life Company or received a policy different in form from the one originally applied for, nor have I been intemperate, or had any serious illness or disease, except diseases incident to childhood, and there is no history of consumption or insanity in my family, *i. e.*, among parents, brothers or sisters, uncles or aunts.

NOTE—If applicant has ever been declined or postponed by any Life Company, or received a policy different from the form originally applied for, or been intemperate, or had any serious illness or diseases other than childhood diseases, or if there is any history of insanity or consumption in applicant's family—among parents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts, state particulars here.

I have paid to ____

$____ the first ____ Annual Premium on the policy applied for, on the condition that, if the risk is not assumed by the Society, this sum is to be returned in accordance with the provisions of Conditional Receipt No. ____ which I have accepted subject to the provisions thereof.

DATED AT Milnesburg Pa May 11 1903

(SIGNED) Margaret Dimitry Norvell

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Reissued for $1000 with annual prem of $43.62 to May 18th 1904: premis $11.61 quarterly thereafter

H.

In compliance with the written request of the Assured - - -

THE

Equitable LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY



OF THE UNITED STATES

HENRY BALDWIN HYDE, FOUNDER, JULY 26, 1859

* See endorsement for correct name.

PREMIUM $ 11 61/100 Age 41

AMOUNT $ 1,000.00 No 1.228.344

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States hereby assures the life of

Margaret Dimity Norwell* of Dillsburg, Pa.,

hereinafter called the Assured, and on receipt of satisfactory proofs of the death of the said Assured, provided this policy is then in force, agrees to pay

One Thousand Dollars

At its Office in the City of New York, to

the Assured's executors, administrators or assigns, subject to the right of the Assured to change the beneficiary, and subject to the

Privileges and Conditions

Stated on the Second and Third pages hereof, which form a part of this contract as fully as if recited at length over the signatures hereto affixed.

New York, May 20th. 1903

for the Society.

James W. Alexander
President.

EXAMINED BY
24—04, 4—p. y.
N. G. C. V.—L. P. L.

No endorsement changing beneficiary

NOTE SPECIAL CLAUSE.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

120 BROADWAY.
NEW YORK.

HENRY B. HYDE, FOUNDER.

The New

Guaranteed Cash-Value Policy.

Limited Payment Life.
20 A. P. 20 Year Period.

No. 1,228,344

M. D. Darnell

Amount $1,000.

Age 41 1st Pay't $43 82/100

Premium $11 61/100

Due 18th May, Aug., Nov. and Feby

Register date: May 18th. 1903

N. 84—04, 6—2,'03

wisdom and Mercy

IMPORTANT!

AGENTS are positively instructed not to sell an EQUITABLE policy to take the place of a policy in this, or any other sound life assurance company.

Now that you have bought this policy beware of any agent who advises you to discontinue it in order to take another in its place. He is seeking his own profit at your expense. Insist upon his putting his proposal in writing. Then submit it to the EQUITABLE for information and counsel which are always at your service.

J. E. Darbell

2d Vice President.

COPY OF APPLICATION.

I, Margaret Dimitry Norwell, hereby apply to The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S. for a G.C.B. Policy on the Coiss Pay plan, for $2000, with a annual Premium of $87.64, and an Accumulation Period of 20 years.

My occupation is that of Lighthouse keeper R. D.

My residence is No. Milnesburg - Orleans - Co.

My place of business is No. " " "

Send Premium Notices to No. " " "

I was born at Washington D.C. on the 11 of Feb, 18[illegible].

My age at my nearest birth-day is therefore 41 years. Make Policy payable to my estate

(born on the of 1)

if living at my death; otherwise to my executors, administrators or assigns—it being expressly understood and agreed that I reserve the right, provided the policy is not then assigned, to change any beneficiary or beneficiaries named by me, by filing with the Society during the continuance of the policy a written request duly acknowledged accompanied by the policy, such change to take effect upon the endorsement of the same on the policy by the Society. I further reserve the right at my option, provided the policy is not then assigned, to surrender the policy, and to receive the Surrender value thereof as therein provided.

I hereby agree that this application, and the policy hereby applied for, taken together, shall constitute the entire contract between the parties hereto; that all the statements and answers herein are warranted to be true; that this contract shall not take effect until the first premium has been paid during my good health. I have not been declined or postponed by any Life Company or received a policy different in form from the one originally applied for, nor have I been intemperate, or had any serious illness or disease, except diseases incident to childhood, and there is no history of consumption or insanity in my family, *i. e.*, among parents, brothers or sisters, uncles or aunts.

NOTE—If applicant has ever been declined or postponed by any Life Company, or received a policy different from the form originally applied for, or been intemperate, or had any serious illness or diseases other than childhood diseases, or if there is any history of insanity or consumption in applicant's family—among parents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts, state particulars here.

I have paid to

$ the first annual Premium on the policy applied for, on the condition that, if the risk is not assumed by the Society, this sum is to be returned in accordance with the provisions of Conditional Receipt No. which I have accepted subject to the provisions thereof.

DATED AT Milnesburg Pa May 11 1903

(SIGNED) Margaret Dimitry Norwell

H.

Reissued for $1000 with annual prem of $43.82 to May 18th 1904: premis $11.61 quarterly thereafter

H.

In compliance with the written request of the Assured - - -

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Madam:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

From: $1260

To: $1380

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 2 - 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 19 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Mrs. N. R. Norvell, Keeper,
New Canal Light Station, La.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent regarding the assistance rendered by you to the rescued passengers from the ferry boat SOUTHLAND, which caught fire and sank in Lake Pontchartrain on August 22, 1925. The Bureau takes great pleasure in commending you for offering the facilities of the Light Station to those who were rescued and in need of attention, and will include the matter on the records as part of your official history.

[illegible] Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by_____

Mailed_____ by_____

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Norwell, Maggie R. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 8th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
780	240	1020	XCR	404.25	1424.25	LHS	4	1200			

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

approved - 1200

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM ~~$~~ 1080 TO ~~$~~ 1320

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

Sheet No. 48

2—12758

1. Norvell (Surname) Maggie (Given name) R (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Port Pontchartrain Light Station
   (b) Subdivision Eighth Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town _____ State La.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24; per week 168
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day - - -; or per week - - -
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From 12:00 p m. to 1:00 a m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year - - -
   During what months - - -
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation - - -
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 780 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 780 per annum; bonus, $ 240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate - - -
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Subsistence - cash $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment - -; annual cost, $ - - -
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☒ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name _____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind _____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind _____; number of lessons _____; number completed _____

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Custodian of property.	5%
2. Reports and correspondence.	10%
3. Maintenance of 5th order fixed oil light from tower, which includes cleaning of lamp, lens, lantern, etc.; changes lamp at midnight each night	25%
4. Cleaning and maintenance of tower, quarters, grounds, and painting of structures.	60%

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

On her own responsibility subject to directions and supervision of Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? October 31, 1896.

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

JUN 7 - 1923 (Date), 1923. E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of Preparing Officer) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. (Title)

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

Signature not secured owing to inaccessibility of employee

E. S. LANPHIER
(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent
Boating - one year.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 900 to $ 1140

JUN 7 - 1923 (Date), 1923. E. S. LANPHIER (Signature of head of field office or station) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mrs. Maggie H. Norvell,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GAFFNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

FEB 6 - 1925

Position: Keeper
Salary: $1200
Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 5 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CARDED

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Madam:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1200 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 18 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Norvell, Maggie R. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1020, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 24 1924, File No. 1095/21.

Form 73a

WJB.

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTE

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., March 8th , 1924.

CHIEF CLERK

1924 APR 8 AM 11 05

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 8 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will upon duty at his new station on April 1, 1924.

Name, Maggie R. Norvell

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

From Port Pontchartrain L. S., La.

To New Canal Light Station, La.

Previous incumbent, Caroline Riddle.

Services to be terminated, March 31, 1924.

Reason, Voluntary retirement.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

New Orleans, La., April 4th , 1924.

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 1st, 1924.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

RECEIVED APR 7 - 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 73a

WJB.

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., March 8th, 19 24.

LIGHTHOUSES 1924 MAR 15 DEPARTMENT COMMERCE MAR 14 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION PM

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 17 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 13 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

CARDED

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

Mr. Maggie R. Norvell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Madam:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 11-15-18
IN FILE OF 1095-8

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 21 1918

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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
DEC 29 1915
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Norvell, Mrs. Maggie R.

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

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

Care of light and govt. property

6. Annual earnings:

$600

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 600 PA

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

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		25	2

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

District of Columbia

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

F

14. Date of birth—

Month: February

Year: 1863

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

E7; C3

16. Marital condition:

W

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 1 La.

County: Orleans

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—

City: New Orleans

State: La.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

11—5869

September 19, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighth Inspector's letter of the 14th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 18th instant, relative to the conduct of Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell, keeper of Pontchartrain Light Station, Louisiana, and approves the recommendation that a severe letter of reprimand be addressed to Mrs. Norvell by the Bureau, a copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files.

[SIGNED] E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

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COPY (MCC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
SEP 17 1917
HOUSES

JAS-MCC

Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La.
September 8,1917.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper,
Port Pontchartrain Light Station,
c/o News Stand, Pontchartrain R.R.,
Elysian Fields Ave. & Decatur St.,
New Orleans, La.

This office has received a complaint from Mr. George Augustin, 1032 Jena Street, New Orleans, that on September 7, 1917, at about 6 p.m., you communicated with his home by telephone and abused both himself and his wife.

By letter of March 3, 1917, you were cautioned that should any further complaint be received that you had communicated in any way with the Augustins which would indicate that your conduct was not in accordance with what this office considers a proper standard of the Lighthouse Service, recommendation would be made for your summary dismissal from the Service.

You are directed to submit an immediate reply and explanation to this office, giving reasons, if any, why formal charges should not be preferred against you and your dismissal from the Service recommended.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Inspector.

J.A.S.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Lighthouse Inspector
SEP 12 1917
New Orleans.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Port Pontchartrain,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
Off Milneburg La. Sept 11, 1917.

LIGHT
SEP 17 1917
HOUSES

B. B. Dorry,
Inspector 8th L. H. Dist.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Complying with respect to question regarding Mr. Augustin will say I did phone, without abuse — when death threatened my own life, &c. helped strange from me. I shall do so no more.

Respectfully
Wm. R. Norrell.

APPOINT
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OCT 23 1914

Madam:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you in permitting Captain William Willis to be moved to Port Pontchartrain Light Station, Louisianna, on September 16, 1914, when he was taken ill on the steamer Hanover, and in caring for him until his death on September 18, 1914, you are commended for the service rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET,

Acting Secretary.

Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper,
Port Pontchartrain Light Station, La.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Appointment Division
LIGHTHOUSES---~~Bureau's~~ files.

E. F. SWEET.

Exact copy as signed by _____
Mailed OCT 23 1914 by _____

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

New Orleans, La.
May 12, 1911.

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

1. Name Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell. 2. Age 48. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau of Lighthouses. 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $600 p.a. 6. Where employed Port Pontchartrain Lighthouse, La.

7. When appointed (*a*) Apr. 22, 1891. 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

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

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and Government property; renders necessary reports and returns.

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

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8	755
Average percentage			94.37

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11—4259

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. Remarks: (*e*)

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

Inspector.

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

G. S. Tutwiler

Chief of Bureau or Office.

T.S.C.

(CROSS REFERENCE - EFFICIENCY)

At a meeting of the EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE, the action outlined below was decided upon in the following cases:

CAMILLE A. LAMY, JOHN C. GRAY, MRS. ANNA M. READ, WILLIAM BROWN, MRS. MAGGIE R. NORVELL, and WILLIAM MOODY. No action required at this time.

See EL of JUNE 29, 1911, in file of MISC. 271/36.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 9 1909
NO.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Port Pontchartrain Light-Station, La.
3. Name Maggie R. Norvell. 4. Where born ~~Virginia.~~ Card states Washington. D. C.
5. Age ~~46~~ 47 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $600 pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) April 22, 1891.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from—State Louisiana.; Congressional District First.; County Orleans Parish.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service No.
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and returns.
15. Efficiency—Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent.; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary she is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

O.R.

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CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

A. M. Witzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 7, 1909.

11—3005

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I. CARDED.

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

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

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Maggie R. Norwell

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

New Orleans (City or town.) Louisiana (State or Territory.) Orleans (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Washington D.C.

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 11th (Day.) 1862 (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.
Thos. D. Dimitry	Uncle	Post Office	Postal	Post-master
Robt. A. Dimitry,	Uncle	Commerce & Labor	Light House	Keeper.
Thos. L. Norvell,	Son	Navy	Naval	Apprentice

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

Twelve years.

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.)

Appointed before position was classified.

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

None

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

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

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.

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

None

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

Graduate of Private school & Peabody Normal of New Orleans, La.

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

Teacher.

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

None

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

Written by me

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

Witness:

(Signature) Mrs. M. R. Norvell

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: New Orleans, La.
City or town.

#697 Royal St.
Number and street.

Louisiana.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded August 10th, 1904.

(Signature) M. M. Kimball Supt. 8th L.H.D.,

(Official title) Inspector 8th Light-House District.

PART II.

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

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

Light. House. (Bureau or Service.) Fort Pontchartrain Light. Station, La. (Place (city, town, or station).) Eighth (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper of Fort Pontchartrain Light. Station, La.

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Oct. 31st, 1896.

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

Since April 22nd, 1891.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $600. per year.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? Salaries of Keepers of Light. Houses, 1904.

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

Competitive

8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6th, 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.)
Transferred from position of Keeper of Head of Passes Light Station, La., salary $660. per year. Entered service before position was classified.

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

(Signature) Wm. P. Kimball Comdr. U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 8th Lt. Ho. Dist.

Date: August 10th, 1904

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OF
APPOINTMENTS.

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Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D. C., December 14, 1896.

Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell,

Port Eads, Louisiana.

Madam:

Your letter of the 13th ultimo, with enclosures, protesting against your transfer to the Port Pontchartrain light-station, Louisiana, is received.

In reply I have to say that the change was made for the reason that it was believed the interests of the service would be best subserved thereby, ~~you being physically incapable of properly performing the duties required of the keeper of the Head of the Passes station.~~

Department letters of October 6 and October 31, 1896, addressed to you are herewith returned.

Respectfully yours,

D. J.

Acting Secretary.

L.C.

Light-House Establishment,
Office of the Light-House Inspector, Eighth District,

No. ____ Inclosures.

New Orleans, La., 9 December, 1896.

Subject: Head of the Passes Lt.HO/ La.,
Transfer of Keeper.

The Light-House Board.

Sirs:

Referring to Board's communication of 27 November, 1896, and Mrs. M. R. Norvell's protest against her transfer from the Head of the Passes Light-Station, La., I have to report that her retention at that station would be seriously detrimental to the best interests of the service, as she is physically incapable of properly performing the duties required. In case of bad weather and the sudden illness of the Assistant the beacon lights would not be lighted, as she could not possibly reach them, and the necessary help could not be obtained upon a sudden call.

The station to which she has been transferred, Port Pontchartrain has been filled, very satisfactorily, by a woman, for many years.

Very respectfully,

J. B. Coghlan

Commander, U.S.Navy.,
Inspector 8th Lt. Ho. District.

Light-House Establishment,

Office of the Light-House Inspector, Eighth District,

New Orleans, 9 December 1896.

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Inspector 8th Lt. Ho. District.

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(All communications should be addressed to "THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.")

Treasury Department,

Office of the Light-House Board,

Washington, 29 Oct., '96.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell from the position of Keeper at the Head of the Passes, La., light station to that of Keeper at the Port Ponchartrain, La., light station, to take effect from 10 Nov., '96, in the place of Mrs. Ellen Wilson who died on 24 Oct., '96.

Respectfully yours,

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Commander, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

Personal.

Head of Passes Light Sta.
Port Eads, La.
Oct. 1st 1896.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Sec'y of Treasury.
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Sir:

I hasten to withdraw my letter of 25th Sept. and to say that I have reason to feel that my fears will not be realized.

Most respectfully,
Wm. M. Norvell.

Personal.

Nov. 13-1896.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle
Sec'y of Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

When I withdrew the within letter I had reason to feel assured that I was mistaken in my surmise, and would, therefore, not be transferred from here.

Only yesterday I received the within order — I had not the least intimation of it until I received it.

I would beg you, my dear Sir, to allow me to remain at this Station.

The interest of the service cannot be sacrificed by my remaining, whereas my personal interests and those of my two helpless little children will be greatly sacrificed by the transfer.

Very respectfully,
Mrs M. R. Norvell.

P.S. Hope to favor me with an early reply as I am greatly depressed.

MAIL DIVISION
Treasury Department,
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then I guarantee that everything will be agreeable at Head Qrs Sta ?.

It is with great regret that I feel compelled to address you this communication, though I do so in self defense. I trust however, that my fears, caused by the seeming unkind attitude of an officer, (heretofore very friendly), may prove groundless and that I may realize that in an American institution like the Light-House Establishment, there is protection for a defenseless American woman against malignant, ignorant foreigners who are in the service.

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I have suffered so much during the past year that I should be spared this further humiliation.

Most respy Mrs M R Norvell.

Personal.

Head of Passes Lt Sta
P.O. Port Eads, La.
Sept. 25th 1896.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Sec'y of Treasury,
Washington D.C.

My dear Sir.

Recent developments lead me to believe that you have been in consultation with His Excellency, the Pres't of the U.S. in my behalf and relative to the transfer of one Surgeley from this vicinity, and that your mandate has gone forth.

I have recently and suddenly been made to feel that certain officials who failed to act in the

case, or could not act, now have an unkindly feeling towards me.

No report is in progress relative to matters about this Sta^{n}, and if it reaches you, you will be able to judge of the correctness of my surmise.

My transfer from this Sta^{n} may be recommended as "in the best interests of the service" and then I might be sent to a more isolated station. This would be gross injustice and I pray your protection for a defenseless American woman.

I have been in charge of this Sta^{n} for nearly six years and everything has gone along smoothly and satisfactorily until 10 months ago when it became necessary to transfer my assistant — a young Sicilian — the cause of which, His Excellency may have told you.

In his stead I was given an ignorant Norwegian, who since his advent here, has been doing everything in his power against me. I am simply in an isolated locality surrounded by a foreign element which would gladly compass my removal for their benefit. I have interests here, in the way of cattle, &c. and my interests would be sacrificed by a sudden transfer, as I could not dispose of them, at once. I sincerely pray that I be left here and that I be given an American as an Assistant. I am

(Form No. 71.)

CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION OF ACTING LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPER.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

I hereby certify that, in accordance with instructions received from the Light-House Board, I have examined Mrs Maggie R. Norvell ✓ ——— *now Acting* ——— *Keeper at* Head of the Passes ✓ La *Light-Station, and that I consider* Her *competent to perform the duties of the position. I therefore recommend that* She *receive a full appointment in place of the acting appointment* She *now holds.*

668 D. W. Mullan Comdr U. S. N.,

Inspector Eighth *L.-H. Dist.,*

New Orleans, La., Mch 4th, 1892.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, 7th March 92

Jas A Greer
Naval Secretary

[Ed. 2-19-'90—1,000.]

NORVELL, MAGGIE R.

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Maggie R. Howell

For commendation for general efficiency, etc., see letter of July 12, 1913,

File Edward G. Porter.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

October 13, 1914.

Noted HND Oct 11

D C Brunner
Copy OK for letter of Commendation to be sent by Secy. 10/16

Mrs. M. R. Norvell,
Keeper of Port Pontchartrain Light Station:

Your kind and considerate action in permitting Captain William Willis to be moved to the light station on September 16, when taken suddenly ill on the Steamer Hanover, and caring for him until his death on September 18, meets with the entire approval of this office, and you are hereby commended for the same.

(Signed) Dorry,

Inspector.

Copy furnished Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dorry
Inspector.

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Madam:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you in permitting Captain William Willis to be moved to Port Pontchartrain Light Station, Louisianna, on September 16, 1914, when he was taken ill on the steamer Hanover, and in caring for him until his death on September 18, 1914, you are commended for the service rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper,
Port Pontchartrain Light Station, La.,
Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

Exact copy as signed by E. F. SWEET

Mailed OCT 23 1914 by

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

OCT 24 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector New Orleans, La.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: See your letter of Oct. 19, 1914, re Mrs. Norvell.

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Chief Clerk.

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 9 1909
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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

Port Pontchartrain

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Light-Station, La.
3. Name Maggie R. Norvell. 4. Where born Virginia. Cant state Washington, D.C.
5. Age ~~46~~ 47 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $600 pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) April 22, 1891.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from: State Louisiana. Congressional District First. County Orleans Parish.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service No.
14. Duties (describe fully) Exhibits 5th-order light; cares for dwelling and government property; renders necessary reports and returns.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent.; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

W. M. Witzel Comdr., U.S.N., Retd.,
Inspector, 8th L.-H. District, *Head of Bureau or Office.*

June 7, 1909.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

March 3rd, 1917.

cop to Dept
Record

Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper,
Port Pontchartrain Lighthouse,
News Stand Pontchartrain Railroad,
Elysian Flds. & Decatur,
New Orleans, La.

This office has received a complaint from Mr. Geo.Augustin, 1032 Jena Street, New Orleans, La., that on Feb.24th, at about 8 A.M. and on March 3rd, at about the same hour, you communicated with his home by telephone and shamefully abused his family relative to the deaths of his wife's two sisters.

Upon my recent inspection of your station you were cautioned not to communicate with these people as they did not desire to communicate with you and you stated that you would not have further communication with them.

You are cautioned that should any further complaint be received that you have communicated in any way with the Augustins which would indicate that your conduct is not in accordance with what this office considers a proper standard of the Lighthouse Service, recommendation will be made for your summary dismissal from the service. It is desired that controversies that which you have been having with your daughter's family and her friends or acquaintances which have been appearing in the daily press and which this office considers prejudicial to the discipline and good name of the Lighthouse Service, should cease and it is hoped that this warning will be sufficient and that there will be no occasion to prefer charges against you with a view to your dismissal.

Copy to Bureau of Lighthouses
for its files.

(Signed) Dorry

Inspector.

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Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 19 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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LIGHT SEP 17 1917 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
September 14, 1917.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Kpr.,
Port Pontchartrain L.S.,La.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Inclosed herewith is letter dated September 8, 1917, from a Mr. George Augustin, New Orleans, La., relative to Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper, Port Pontchartrain Light Station, La., together with copy of letter of same date to the Keeper and her reply dated September 11, 1917.

By reference to copy of letter of March 3, 1917, to this Keeper, which was forwarded to the Bureau for its information, it will be seen that Mrs. Norvell was cautioned not to further communicate with or abuse the Augustin family. It appears that this difficulty was caused by the marriage of Mrs. Norvell's daughter contrary to the mother's wishes and that she is of the opinion that the marriage was facilitated by Mr. Augustin's family.

I am of the opinion that Mrs. Norvell's mental condition is in a very much depressed state on the subject of her daughter's marriage and, in view of this fact, it is recommended that the Bureau severely reprimand her for continuing to quarrel, as, in the past, it has been given considerable newspaper notoriety to the detriment of the Lighthouse Service and unless it is stopped will result in further newspaper notoriety and necessitate recommending the dismissal of Mrs. Norvell from the Service, no matter how loath this office would be to make such a recommendation.

Sorry
Inspector.
G.W.V.

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3 incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
September 18, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce concurring in the recommendation of the Inspector and recommending that the Bureau be authorized to address a severe letter of reprimand to the keeper, a copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files.

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COPY (MCC) Recd. Sep. 8, 1917. D.



ORLEANS PARISH MEDICAL SOCIETY
141 Elk Place

Assistant Secy.-Librarian
Mr. George Augustin

New Orleans, La., Sept. 8, 1917.

Capt. B. B. Dorry,
U. S. Lighthouse Inspector,
City.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my wife's complaint over the phone this morning, I beg to state that Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper of the Lighthouse at Milneburg, New Orleans, rang up our home yesterday about 6 P.M. and abused both myself and wife. This is the first time Mrs. Norvell has rang up since our last report to you. As you have been so kind in the past, we thought it best to report this fresh break to you instead of making an affidavit against this woman or reporting her to Washington.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. AUGUSTIN,

1032 Jena Street.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
SEP 17 1917
HOUSES

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Office of Inspector, 8th District,
New Orleans, La.
September 8,1917.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper,
Port Pontchartrain Light Station,
c/o News Stand, Pontchartrain R.R.,
Elysian Fields Ave. & Decatur St.,
New Orleans, La.

This office has received a complaint from Mr. George Augustin, 1032 Jena Street, New Orleans, that on September 7, 1917, at about 6 p.m., you communicated with his home by telephone and abused both himself and his wife.

By letter of March 3, 1917, you were cautioned that should any further complaint be received that you had communicated in any way with the Augustins which would indicate that your conduct was not in accordance with what this office considers a proper standard of the Lighthouse Service, recommendation would be made for your summary dismissal from the Service.

You are directed to submit an immediate reply and explanation to this office, giving reasons, if any, why formal charges should not be preferred against you and your dismissal from the Service recommended.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Inspector.

J.A.S.

COPY (MCC) Recd., Sep. 12, 1917.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

8th Dist.,
Port Pontchartrain
Off Milneburg, La., Sept.11,1917.

B. B. Dorry,
Inspector, 8th L.H. Dist.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Complying with respect to question regarding Mr. Augustin, will say, I did phone, without abuse,--when death threatened my own, he, &c., helped estrange from me. I shall do so no more.

Respectfully,

M. R. NORVELL.

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Commr.

September 19, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighth Inspector's letter of the 14th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 18th instant, relative to the conduct of Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell, keeper of Pontchartrain Light Station, Louisiana, and approves the recommendation that a severe letter of reprimand be addressed to Mrs. Norvell by the Bureau, a copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
September 26, 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector, ...New Orleans, La.....
for his information, guidance, and files of office.
Inclosed is letter of reprimand in duplicate.

Acting Commissioner.

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Reprimand. October 2, 1917.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper,
Port Pontchartrain Light Station, La.,
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans).

Referring to complaint from Mr. George Augustin, 1032 Jena Street, New Orleans, La., that on September 7, 1917, you communicated with his home by telephone and abused both himself and wife.

The 8th Inspector, on March 3, 1917, cautioned you that should any further complaint be received that you had communicated in any way with Mr. Augustin or his wife which would indicate that your conduct was not up to the standard required of employees of the Lighthouse Service, a recommendation would be made for your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service.

The Bureau severely reprimands you for disregarding the Inspector's caution, and if there is any repetition of this offense, more drastic action will be taken in your case. In this connection, your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraph 8, personal character, and paragraph 11, Obedience to orders.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 2 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Dept letter of Sept 19, 1917.

Acting Commissioner

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September 17, 1925.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper,
New Canal Light Station, La.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.).

The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent regarding the assistance rendered by you to the rescued passengers from the ferry boat SOUTHLAND, which caught fire and sank in Lake Pontchartrain on August 22, 1925. The Bureau takes great pleasure in commending you for offering the facilities of the Light Station to those who were rescued and in need of attention, and will include the matter on the records as part of your official history. 2830-E

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Rep'd. in Bulletin. Oct. 1925

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by_____

Mailed_____by_____

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

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

Bureau No. 126 *Sheet No.* 5(b)-52

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Norvell — Mrs. Maggie — R. (Surname) (Given name) (Initial)
2. Department: Commerce
3. Bureau: Lighthouses
4. Field service: Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station: New Canal Light Station
   (b) Subdivision: Eighth Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town: ____ State: Louisiana
6. Pay roll title: ____
7. Customary office title: Light Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation: Keeper
9. Present gross rate of pay: $ 1500 1620
10. Deduction for allowances: $ 240
11. Net rate paid in cash: $ 1380

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

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

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

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

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime ____ (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months ____

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

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

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.) Follows regulations, also instructions of Superintendent of Lighthouses

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? S. S. Lapsley, Superintendent of Lighthouses, 5(a)-1

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

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

Other education (describe): Peabody Normal & Hebrew Educational Society

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent? Thirty-two years previous experience as a lighthouse keeper in the district

10—1856

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

Percentage of working time	
	As Keeper in charge of New Canal light station, I perform the following duties:
20%	Clean lens and electric flasher; extinguish light at daylight and hang curtains; take down curtains and switch on light at sunset.
20%	Operate electric fog bell, also substitute fog bell striking machinery.
45%	Clean and polish brass work; clean station and keep in general good order.
15%	Render Keeper's monthly and annual reports; keep station records and attend to station correspondence.

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

Mrs. M. R. Norwell
(Signature of Employee)

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

Cares for one 4th order electric incandescent flashing light, and an electrically operated fog bell with weight actuated machinery as a standby.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since April 1, 1921

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

SEP 17 1928, 1928 — E. S. LANPHIER — SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
(Date) (Signature of Preparing Officer) (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1260 to $ 1560

SEP 17 1928, 1928 — E. S. LANPHIER — SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
(Date) (Signature of head of field office or station) (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked — In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1260, to $ 1560

SEP 20 1928, 1928 — H. B. BOWERMAN — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Date) (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

Haggie Nowell
New Comet LS

Feb 11, 1862

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 18 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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1932 MAR - 21 - AM 10: 1 March 15, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

SUBJECT: Status for retirement of Mrs. Maggie Norvell, Keeper, New Canal Light Station;

The records of the Department indicate that this employee was born on February 11, 1862 and accordingly it appears she was seventy years of age on February 11 last and should have been recommended for retirement effective beginning March 1, 1932. If your records are in agreement, it is requested that recommendation be promptly submitted for the retirement of Mrs. Norvell as of March 1, the length of service and statement of pay for the last five years to be computed only to the close of February 10. It is also requested that your recommendation be accompanied by a statement explaining the failure of your office to recommend the retirement of this employee as herein stated, sufficiently in advance of the effective date to permit of Department approval.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

RLC:MMS
WJB:LEC

Office of Supt.of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.,
New Orleans, La., March 18, 1932

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:
2. The records of this office show that Mrs. Norvell was born February 11, 1863; therefore will be 70 years of age on February 11, 1933. Will the Bureau please advise from what record the date of February 11, 1862, was taken.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses/B

March 22, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Your indorsement of March 18 regarding date of birth of Keeper, Maggie Norvell.

On Mrs. Norvell's personnel history sheet in the Department made out in her own handwriting under date of June 4, 1904 she shows her date of birth as February 11, 1862. The record does not show that this date was ever officially amended. Accordingly she attained the retirement age of 70 last month and apparently should have been retired beginning March 1, 1932. In cases where a discrepancy in the date of birth of an employee occurs it is required by the Civil Service Commission and the Department that the employee establish his correct date of birth by documentary evidence as prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473, a copy of which is inclosed, and in accordance with which it is requested that this employee promptly establish her date of birth. If her date of birth is established as February 11, 1863 no further action will of course be required at this time, although your office should submit the evidence with recommendation that the official record be amended; if however, the date February 11, 1862 is established your office should submit the evidence together with recommendation for her retirment at this time. It is suggested that you recommend her retirement effective on the first day of the month following the month in which you recommend her retirement, and that an explanation of the facts be made as to her retirement not being recommended in due time. In computing her retired pay, assuming that her date of birth in 1862 is established, it is suggested that you compute her total service only to the close of February 10, in the same manner as would have been done if her retirement had been effected in due season.

Your attention is again called to the importance of maintaining correct and consistent dates of birth, as the whole question of retirement directly depends upon them. This matter has been the subject of a number of circular letters to districts, the last one being under date of January 2, 1931. It is therefore requested that a careful examination be made of the circumstances which caused the present discrepancy to occur, to the end that other records can be checked and any similar discrepancies corrected in due time. It is requested that this matter be greatly expedited on account of the necessity of immediate action, if this employee is now seventy.

For the Commissioner:

Administrative Assistant.

RG:DCC
Incl.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

WJB:BMA

1932 MAR -28- AM 9:15

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

Mrs. M. R. Norvell -
Correct date of birth.

March 26, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Bureau letter of March 22, 1932, relative to date of birth of Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Light Station, La.:

2. The Chief Clerk of this office had a personal interview with Mrs. Norvell and while she states that the date February 11, 1862, is erroneous there seems to be a doubt in her mind as to the exact date of her birth. She will endeavor to secure from the family bible which is in the custody of her ~~brother~~ uncle, the correct date of her birth. It was suggested to her that a photostatic copy of this record, if found, be made and forwarded to this office together with a statement sworn to before a notary public. As soon as received, this record will be transmitted to the Bureau. She had no other documentary evidence to submit.

3. Mrs. Norvell stated that she was born in Washington, D. C. and christened in the St. Matthew's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue. This information is furnished with the thought that the Bureau might endeavor to secure the correct date of birth from the church records. She was christened Margaret Celeste Ruth.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Dugg look up W&H 3/28

Has no record of her - Dugg hold till receipt evidence & is trying to obtain

RCR 3/29

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB:BMA.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell -
Correct date of birth

1932 APR - 6 - AM 9:15

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

April 4, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to letter from this office dated March 26, 1932, relative to the date of birth of Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Lighthouse, La.:

2. An affidavit signed by Thomas D. Dimitry, an uncle of Mrs. Norvell's, has been received, stating that the correct date of birth of Mrs. Norvell is February 11, 1864, as taken from the family records. Mrs. Norvell has been directed to furnish this office with a photostat copy of the record from which the date February 11, 1864, was taken, and as soon as it is received, it will be forwarded to the Bureau.

3. Since there are now three dates in conflict, it is recommended that the Bureau endeavor to secure the date of birth from the records of St. Matthew's Church on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Norvell was christened Margaret Celeste Ruth. It has been learned that her mother, Virginia Eliza Dimitry was married to Enoch Fenwick Ruth on December 31, 1856, at Washington, D. C.

E. S. Lamphier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington April 6, 1932

Returned to 8th Superintendent. In telephone conversation with an official of the church referred to in paragraph 3, this office was advised that the records do not show the name of this employee; also that St. Matthew's Church is located on Rhode Island Avenue instead of Pennsylvania Avenue.

It is requested therefore that a photostat or certified copy of the family record, as outlined in method (2) of Form 2473, be forwarded.

For the Commissioner:

H-M

Chief of Personnel Division

Copy

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority Thomas D. Dimitry, well known to me deposeth and saith,

That his sister Virginia Eliza Dimitry, was married to Enoch Fenwick Ruth on December 31, 1856, at Washington, D. C.

That one of the issues of said marriage is his niece Margaret Celeste Ruth, who was born on February 11, 1864, at Washington, D. C., to the personal knowledge of the affiant.

Deponent further deposes and says that at the time of the aforementioned birth of his niece, Margaret Celeste Ruth he was living in the city of Washington, D. C., and maintained a residence there for a number of years thereafter. And that the family records and other sources of information on which he basis this belief and declaration are true and correct.

(Sgd.) Thomas D. Dimitry.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE
ME THIS 28 MARCH, 1932

(Sgd.) George Piazza

S(GEORGE PIAZZA)
E(PARISH OF ORLEANS)
A(STATE OF LOUISIANA)
L(NOTARY PUBLIC)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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1932 APR - 13 - AM 9:36
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 9 1932
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

New Canal Station, Head End,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 7th, 1932.

Supt Of Light Houses
8th Dist New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The old Bible in my Uncle's possession did not have the record of my birth, so Mr. T. D. Dimitry attested according to his memory as he stated but my "Equitable Assurance Policy" which I enclose is accurate as Feb. 11th 1863 gives me 69 years in 1932.

Respectfully
Margaret E. Norvell

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name Margaret Ruth Norvell Date of birth February 11, 1862

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (New Canal L.S.,La.)

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment	Apr.	22	1891	Apr.	30	1932	
Total service			41 yrs. 0 mos. 9 das.				

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

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

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

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

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper in the Light-house Service (New Canal L.S., La.)	May	1	1927	June	30	1928	$1260 p.a.	$1470.00
	July	1	1928	Apr.	30	1932	1380 p.a.	5290.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service ---------- $6760.00

Average compensation for last five years of active service ---------- 1352.00

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1352.00 × years 30 ÷ 40) = ---------- 1014.00

(Not exceeding 30)

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date April 9, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Eighth District

New Orleans, La.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective May 1, 1932, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Margaret R. Norwell
(Name)

Keeper, New Canal Light Station, La.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City New Orleans, La. *Date* April 12, 1932

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 101⅓.00 per annum, effective at the close of April 30, 1932.

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

E. S. Lamphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, April 21, 1932.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval, attention in this connection being invited to Bureau letter of even date.

Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

C O P Y

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
April 9, 1932

Mrs. M. R. Norvell, Keeper,
New Canal Light Station,
7165 West End Boulevard,
New Orleans, La.

1. Referring to the insurance policy which you forwarded today, it appears to this office that the record on same is that you were born on February 11, 1862. Therefore you have reached the age of 70 years and, accordingly, must fill out the inclosed application for retirement and return same promptly to this office. All that is necessary is to sign each copy on the line indicated by pencil check mark. Return all three copies to this office.

2. It appears from the insurance policy that there is a blot on the date of your birth stated in the copy of the application, but this date appears to be February 11, 1862. The first page of the policy, however, is dated May 20, 1903, and it is stated on the first page that your age was 41 years at that time. The age given on a policy is always the age reached prior to the date of the policy or the age which will be reached in a period of less than six months from the date of the policy. Therefore you were, on May 20, 1903, 41 years of age.

3. From February 11, 1903, to February 11, 1932, is 29 years, which added to the 41 years, makes you 70 years of age on February 11, 1932.

4. Return the application without delay as this matter must no longer be delayed as you are now past the age of 70 and should have been retired on March 1, 1932.

5. Your insurance policy is returned herewith a photostat has been taken of the first page and the last page showing the facts above stated.

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Incls.

Mrs. M. R. Norvell,
Retirement

1932 APR 13 AM 9:36

1932 APR-13- AM 9:30

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

April 12, 1932

To dept
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Inclosed herewith is copy of a letter, dated April 9, 1932, written to Mrs, M. R. Norvell, Keeper, New Canal Light Station, together with the affidavit referred to in letter of April 4, 1932. Upon receipt of the affidavit, Mrs. Norvell was requested to furnish a photostat of the record referred to in it. Mrs. Norvell was told that if she could not have a copy made, this office would have it done if the original of the record were furnished. She has not complied, and stated in letter of April 7, 1932, inclosed, that there are no records to substantiate the affidavit of Thomas D. Dimitry. Therefore this affidavit should be dismissed from consideration.

2. Mrs. Norvell has submitted an insurance policy with the Equitable Assurance Society which indicates that she is now 70 years of age. The date of birth in the copy of the application appears to have had a blot placed on it, but it is apparently February 11, 1862. Her age was given on the first page of the policy as 41 years in May, 1903, therefore there seems to be no doubt that she is now 70 years of age. Photostat of first and last page of life insurance policy inclosed.

3. In view of the fact that the record which the Bureau holds agrees with the life insurance policy, there is no reasonable doubt that Mrs. Norvell has reached the age of 70 years, and it is recommended that she be retired effective at the close of April 30, 1932.

4. Inclosed herewith is Form 9, signed by Mrs. Norvell, applying for retirement.

5. It is requested that this office be wired of the action to be taken in order that steps may be taken to fill the vacancy at this station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mrs. M. R. Norvell,
Retirement

1932 APR - 16 - AM 9 : 02

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

April 14, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Replying to Bureau's telegram of even date requesting statement showing evidence or data on which the record of this office was based relative to the birth date of Mrs. M. R. Norvell, and requesting explanation as to how the discrepancy in the record occurred, the following report is submitted:

2. The retirement record of Mrs. M. R. Norvell was prepared from a service record card, old Form 15, which form showed the date of birth as 1863, February 11. Mrs. Norvell entered the Service by appointment dated April 22, 1891, and this old service record card, Form 15, is the only record which can be located giving the date of her birth.

3. It is impossible to suggest as to how the discrepancy between the record in this office and the record in the Bureau as to the date of birth of Mrs. Norvell occurred.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG:MMS

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC APRIL 14, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
ROOM 220 CUSTOMHOUSE
423 CANAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

RE BIRTH DATE KEEPER M R NORVELL SUBMIT PROMPT WRITTEN STATEMENT SHOWING EVIDENCE OR DATA ON WHICH YOUR RECORD WAS BASED WITH EXPLANATION AS TO HOW DISCREPANCY IN RECORD OCCURRED.

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COPY

Secretary of Commerce:

1. There is herewith submitted a recommendation from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for the compulsory retirement of Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Light Station, effective beginning May 1, It will be noted from the records that Mrs. Norvell has been retained beyond the maximum retirement age of 70 and should have been retired on March 1, she ~~apparently~~ according to the records having been born on February 11, 1862. This situation is due to the fact that the records of the district office showed her date of birth as February 11, 1863, ~~which, in the absence of doubt or suspicion as to its authenticity, accounts for~~ the failure of the district office to determine her eligibility for retirement as of March 1 of this year. ~~The attached letter of April 4 from the Superintendent explains how the date year 1863 became of record and which~~ In view of these conflicting dates of birth, Mrs. Norvell was directed to submit documentary evidence, in compliance with which she has ~~submitted~~ furnished the attached photostatic copy of contract with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, bearing the date of birth as February 11, 1862. Mrs. Norvell apparently is unable to obtain evidence in accordance with other preferential methods prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473. She was born and baptized in ~~this City~~ but inquiries made by the Bureau ~~xxx~~ with a view to obtaining certified copies of birth or baptismal record have been without ~~avail~~. Inasmuch as the attached insurance policy shows the year of birth as 1862, which is the same as that given ~~xxx~~ in the hand writing of Mrs. Norvell on personal history sheet executed by her on 6/4/1904 ~~several years ago~~, it appears that this is the correct year of birth and that the year 1863, which is carried on the records of the district office, ~~is an~~ error ~~resulting from the maintenance of records over a substantial period of time~~. It is therefore ~~recommended~~ that the correct date of birth of this employee ~~be considered as~~ February 11, 1862 and that ~~her~~ retirement ~~be effected~~ in accordance with the attached recommendation.

from the Superintendent.

2. The Bureau regrets the irregularity in this case but is inclined to believe that the ~~difficulty is not directly~~ district office is not entirely at fault for the reasons given above. The matter is however being brought to the attention of the Superintendent for his information and future guidance.

Copies of correspondence between the Bu & the Supt. are enclosed and particular attention is invited to the Supt's letter of 4/14 in reply to Bu ~~telegram~~ telegram of 4/14 as to an explanation of the manner in which the discrepancy occurred.

April 25, 1932.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. There is herewith submitted a recommendation from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for the compulsory retirement of Mrs. Maggie R. Norvell, Keeper of New Canal Light Station, effective beginning May 1. It will be noted from the records that Mrs. Norvell has been retained beyond the maximum retirement age of seventy and should have been retired on March 1, she having according to the record been born on February 11, 1862. This situation is due to the fact that the records of the district office showed her date of birth as February 11, 1863. In view of these conflicting dates of birth, Mrs. Norvell was directed to submit documentary evidence, in compliance with which she has furnished the attached photostatic copy of contract with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, bearing the date of birth as February 11, 1862. Mrs. Norvell apparently is unable to obtain evidence in accordance with other preferential methods prescribed in Civil Service Form 2473. She was born and baptized in Washington, D. C., but inquiries made by the Bureau with a view to obtaining certified copies of birth or baptismal record have been without result. In this connection the Bureau communicated with the Bureau of Vital Statistics and an officer of St. Matthew's Church. As the attached insurance policy shows the year of birth as 1862, which is the same as that given in the hand writing of Mrs. Norvell on personal history sheet executed by her on June 4, 1904, it appears that this is the correct year of birth and that the year 1863, which is carried on the records of the district office, resulted from a typographical error. The retirement of Mrs. Norvell at this time therefore appears proper and is recommended by the Bureau in accordance with the attached computation submitted by the Superintendent.

2. Copies of correspondence between the Bureau and the Superintendent are inclosed, and particular attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of April 14 in reply to Bureau telegram of April 14 as to an explanation of the manner in which the discrepancy occurred.

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W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RLC:EMF
Incls.

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has no record
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Eighth District), with retired pay at the rate of $1014 per annum, effective beginning May 1, 1932.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1932 MAY - 4 - PM 2:36

April 29, 1932.

Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Madam:

The Department is today advising you, in a separate letter of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service after serving in that organization for 41 years.

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

Very sincerely,

R. P. LAMONT

Secretary of Commerce.

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Form 16

1932 APR 26 PM 12 43

W8 31 GOVT=RN NEWORLEANS LOU 26 1016A

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER:

4/26/32 Time 8th

=WILL MRS M R NORVELL KEPER NEW CANAL LIGHTHOUSE BE RETIRED AT CLOSE OF APRIL THIRTIETH MUST ARRANGE FOR ADDITIONAL KEEPER AND TO ADVISE MRS NORVELL WHETHER SERVICES END SATURDAY NIGHT:

=LANPHIER.

1932 APR -26- PM 1:00
LIGHTHOUSES

RLC:EMF Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Wired approval
4/29/32

Washington, D. C., April 26, 1932

Superintendent, Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana

Retel retirement keeper norvell case now pending department and account unusual circumstances bureau unable advise you definitely this time period will endeavor expedite case and advise you before ~~twenty-fifth~~ thirtieth

PUTNAM

CONFIRMATION:

RLC:MMS COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DC APRIL 29, 1932

SUPERINTENDENT, LIGHTHOUSES, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

RETIREMENT KEEPER NORVELL CLOSE APRIL THIRTY

APPROVED.

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8TH DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., July 19, 1934

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Mrs. Margaret R. Norvell Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, Retired

Legal residence, Louisiana Station,

Salary, $1014 per annum, Retired Pay

Date of death - July 17, 1934

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

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

Remarks: The records of this office show that Mrs. Norvell was appointed acting keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., April 22, 1891; Keeper, March 10, 1892; transferred as Keeper of Port Pontchartrain Lighthouse, La., October 31, 1896; transferred as Keeper of New Canal Lighthouse, La., April 1, 1924, and retired from active duty effective May 1, 1932, thus completing a length of service of 41 years, 0 months and 9 days.

A son, Mr. Thomas Norvell, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Norvell, address 1623 St. Roch Avenue, New Orleans, La., survive.

E. J. Rauschlier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

H-M

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1934

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~ for information.

11—4623

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division