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REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
O'Reilly, Patrick, R.		

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):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (DE/NJ) 4th District	From: 1922	To: 1923
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location) 0640	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0007915864

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Rqst Sent 81524

Attendant Signature:

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ 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:

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

Under orders of Keeper or 1st Assistant Keeper when Keeper is absent.

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.

Three Keepers at this station. This Assistant works under direction in maintaining light and fog signal keeping station in order, and making minor repairs where mechanics are not required.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment May 21, 1923.

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

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

R R Darry
(Signature of supervising officer)
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District.

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Ability to operate internal combustion engines in motor boats & oil vapor lights.

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 $1140. to $1260.

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

R R Darry
(Signature of head of field office or station)
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

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

Sheet No. 24

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

1. O'Reilly (Surname) Patrick (Given name) R. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 4th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station
   (c) City or town Delaware Bay State N. J.
6. Pay-roll title 2nd Assistant Keeper
7. Customary office title 2nd Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Continuous; per week -
   (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 - m. to - m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year -
   During what months -
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation -
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 720. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ (Not in service) per -; bonus, $ - 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 of 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 allowance of 45 cents per day - $164.25 p.a.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
   Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 50.00 est.
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. Standing watch - average 6 hours per night	25
2. Cleaning and adjusting apparatus - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
3. General work keeping tower and station clean - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
4. Operating and caring for fog signal - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
5. Standing by station for all other purposes - 1r hours per day	62-1/2
	100 %

(This station is isolated. Communication is by boat. Quarters for Keepers only).

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

1923 AUG 18 AM 8 44

GCW/H
Subject:- Discontinuance of
Patrick R. O'Reilly's services.

CHIEF CLERK
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

August 17, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 20 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington:

1. The Bureau is informed that Patrick R. O'Reilly left Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, on July 9, 1923. His present whereabouts are unknown, and no reply has been made to letters mailed to his last address. He was probationally appointed second assistant keeper at Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station May 21, 1923, at $720.00 per annum.

2. O'Reilly furnished a substitute at his own expense July 20, 1923, who remained on the station until August 15, 1923. It is recommended that his services be discontinued August 15, 1923, the date his substitute came ashore.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY PAPERS TAKEN AUG 23 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 18 1923
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval
H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

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APPROVED:
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

August 20, 1923.

Sir:

In view of the report to the effect that your conduct during probation has been unsatisfactory in that you have been absent for an extended period without furnishing any explanation thereof, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c), section 1, of civil-service rule VII, has discontinued your services as Keeper at $720 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of business on August 15, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

AUG 23 1923

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Mr. Patrick R. O'Reilly,
Through the Commissioner

4th
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LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1923 JUN 18 AM 8 58

DEPT. OF COMMERCE JUN 19 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 1 1923 PHILADELPHIA.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee **Patrick R. O'Reilly**

2. Position to which appointed **Second Assistant Keeper**

3. Bureau or Service **Lighthouse Service**, District **Fourth**

4. Place of duty **Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey.**
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary **$720.00 per annum**

6. Appropriation from which paid **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From examination for keeper or assistant keeper, April 25, 1923.

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

CARDED

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

Mr Patrick Richard O'Reilly

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

Patrick Richard O'Reilly

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

Delaware (State or Territory.) Kent, (County.) Little Creek (City or town.) Delaware (Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? New Orleans La.

7. When were you born? May (Month.) 11 (Day.) 1885 (Year.)

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

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

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

Miss Rosalie North (Name.) #14 Meadow ave (Number and street.)

Cambridge (City or town.) Maryland (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Served aboard Deep Water Vessels Oyster and Freight Boats in inland waters and Farm. Land

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

Eighth Grades Public School.

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

(None)

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

For Keeper and asst. Keeper in Light House Service April 25-1923

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

Date, MAY 16 1923, 19

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Patrick Richard O'Reilly

(Present address) Little Creek
(Number and street.)

Delaware
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 16, 1923.

(Signature) A B Dorry

(Official title) Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

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Noted 6/16/23

Form 111

CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 20 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 JUN 18 AM 9 01

JUN 16 1923 PHILADELPHIA

I, Patrick R. O'Reilly,

do solemnly [1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

Patrick R. O'Reilly
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 15th day of June, A. D. 1923

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Edwin F. Wood,

(Official title) Notary Public.

My commission expires March 11th 1925

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$720 per annum	Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Fourth District

Philadelphia, Penna., June 16, 1923.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 21, 1923.
(Date)

R R Dorry
(Signature of officer)
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 16, 1923.

Mr. Patrick R. O'Reilly,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 16 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MAY 16

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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C
4th

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ole C. Gaarder.

Legal Residence: Delaware.

REPORT DATE ENTERED

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73

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SECRETARY THIRD CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 14 1923
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1923.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CLERK
1923 MAY 15 PM 4 19

Action recommended, **Probationary appointment.**

Name, **Patrick R. O'Reilly.** Legal residence, **Delaware.**

Position, **Second Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$720.00 per annum.**

Location, **Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **May 16, 1923.** ~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 16 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, x x x Former salary, **x x x**

Location, **x x x**

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, **Kpr. & Asst. Kpr** Percentage, **93.20**, Other eligibles considered:

B. F. Cogswell, (C); John Joyce, (C).

Previous incumbent, Ole C. Gaarder. Services terminated, **April 30, 1923.**

Reason, **Dismissed (services unsatisfactory under probationary appointment).**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters not furnished by Government for family. Mr. O'Reilly was born May 11, 1885.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
MAY 16 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Selection regular, in accordance with Civil Service Rule VII, Section 1.

May 14, 1923

Stewart Wilson
STEWART WILSON,
Secretary, Third Civil Service District.

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
MAY 15 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RX

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

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Mr. Patrick R. O'Reilly

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Delaware

STATUS

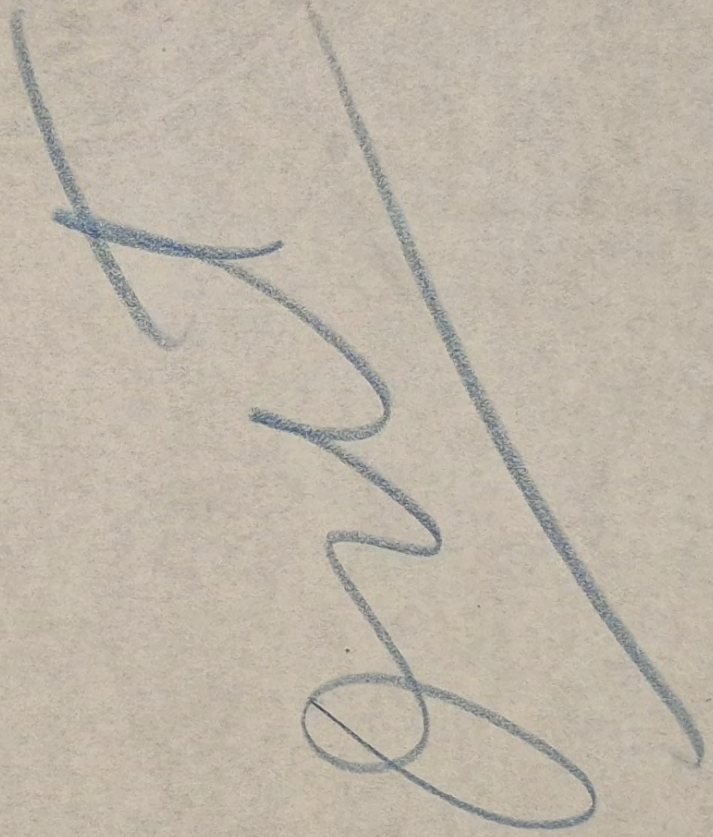
DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper Prob. Elbow of Cross Ledge LS.	720.	L.H.	May 21, 1923
SERVICES DISCONTINUED.		Aug 15, 1923	

Mr. Patrick R. O'Reilly

Form A—16

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

PATRICK R. O'REILLY.



PATRICK R. O'REILLY.

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 AUG 18 AM 8 44

REFER TO
FILE NO.

GCW/E
Subject:- Discontinuance of
Patrick R. O'Reilly's services.

Hydro.
Engr. Comm.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
August 17, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington:

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B. B. DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 18 1923
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
GCW/JFB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO LIGHTHOUSES
FILE NO.

1923 NOV 16 AM 8 52

SUBJECT: Patrick R. O'Reilly.

Hydro.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Supv. Engr.
Const.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 15th, 1923.

DEC 1 1923

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. The Bureau's attention is invited to the following with regard to Patrick R. O'Reilly, late Second Assistant Keeper at Elbow of Cross Ledge Lightstation, Delaware Bay, E. O. D. May 21, 1923, and services discontinued at close of August 15, 1923, he having failed to return to duty after an extended absence during which a substitute furnished by him was on station.

2. At the time of the above discontinuance there was due O'Reilly for pay and subsistence the sum of $140.70, of which amount a check to his order for $93.95 for the month of July was issued and is held in this office. There is due him for 15 days in August the sum of $46.75, for which no check has been issued.

3. Repeated efforts were made to locate this man, who apparently had no intention of returning to the station when he employed the substitute, and for whose pay he made no provision. In addition, claims have been submitted for bills incurred by him, partly for personal items and partly for groceries taken to the station, and for a portion of which bills he is liable under the mess arrangement at the station. As some items are in dispute a clear statement of what is due from him cannot be made, but it is outlined in his letter dated September 18, 1923, a copy of which is enclosed, admitting a liability of $98.15.

4. I am informally advised that subsequent to the date of the above mentioned letter O'Reilly shipped as a seaman for a foreign port (unknown) leaving a wife who has since been trying to locate him.

5. Is there any legal manner in which, in the absence of this man, his account can be settled and his debts paid.

CJL-R

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. December 7, 1923.
Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa. The Bureau is not aware of any method by which the debts of Mr. OReilly can be paid from amount due him for services rendered. The Bureau will however, endeavor to obtain authority for payment of Jack Hardy who served as substitute but it is noted that while the letter of Mr. O'Reilly states that he served 20 days it appears from your above letter that

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

GCW/JFB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO: LIGHTHOUSES
FILE NO.

1923 NOV 16 AM 8 52

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 15th, 1923.

SUBJECT: Patrick R. O'Reilly.

DEC 15 1923

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Hydro.
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Comm.

Don't see how this can be done as the assignment of Soland does not authorize such payment.

1. The Bureau's attention is invited to the following with regard to Patrick R. O'Reilly, late Second Assistant Keeper at Elbow of Cross Ledge Lightstation, Delaware Bay, E. O. D. May 21, 1923, and services discontinued at close of August 15, 1923, he having failed to return to duty after an extended absence during which a substitute furnished by him was on station.

2. At the time of the above discontinuance there was due O'Reilly for pay and subsistence the sum of $140.70, of which amount a check to his order for $93.95 for the month of July was issued and is held in this office. There is due him for 15 days in August the sum of $46.75, for which no check has been issued.

3. Repeated efforts were made to locate this man, who apparently had no intention of returning to the station when he employed the substitute, and for whose pay he made no provision. In addition, claims have been submitted for bills incurred by him, partly for personal items and partly for groceries taken to the station, and for a portion of which bills he is liable under the mess arrangement at the station. As some items are in dispute a clear statement of what is due from him cannot be made, but it is outlined in his letter dated September 18, 1923, a copy of which is enclosed, admitting a liability of $98.15.

4. I am informally advised that subsequent to the date of the above mentioned letter O'Reilly shipped as a seaman for a foreign port (unknown) leaving a wife who has since been trying to locate him.

5. Is there any legal manner in which, in the absence of this man, his account can be settled and his debts paid.

E. E. HOXEY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

his service was 27 days. You are requested to forward the Bureau a statement of the actual number of days served by the substitute and upon receipt of same the Bureau will submit the matter to the Department with recommendation that the employment of this substitute be authorized and that payment for his services be made direct by the Lighthouse Service. Should this approval be granted proper adjustment can be made at a later date should settlement be made Mr. O'Reilly.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

COPY

Cambridge, Md., Sept 21 1923.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
4th Dist. Phila, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th at hand in reference to salary due me and the claims against me I would take it as a favor if you would settle the clame and send me what is over if any which I think there will be if there be none over send me the Bills and I will send the money to pay them by return mail.

The clames known to me are

John M. Houston, Grocer, Dover	$22.50
Macks Harrington, Little Creek	14.00
Jack Hardy, Substitute 20 days	60.00
Frank Timmons, 1st Asst. ------	
Julian Bacon, Keeper.	1.65
	$98.15

My share of Frank Timmons Bill I do not know how much that is.

Any others I do not know about.

You have my authority to settle the above named clames.

and oblidge,

yours Respectfully,

P. R. O Reilly.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO. LIGHTHOUSES

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Subject:- Patrick R. O'Reilly. (COPY)

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 10, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington:

1. In reply to Bureau endorsement of December 7, 1923, on my letter of November 15, 1923, on the above subject, and particularly with reference to pay of substitute, John Hardy, the records of this office show that Hardy served from July 20 to August 15, inclusive, - 27 days, and he claims pay at the rate of $3.35 per day, he to find his own provisions, or a total of $90.45. (See copy of his letter attached).

2. O'Reilly had no direct means of ascertaining how long Hardy served and was probably not fully informed on this point. O'Reilly's letter indicates an agreed rate of $3.00 per day, but this may not have included an allowance for provisions. O'Reilly's pay and allowances amounted to $3.11-2/3 per day in a 30-day month ($80.00 per month and 45¢ per day commuted ration) and this rate would appear to be a fair one on which to compute the value of Hardy's service.

3. Mr. Hardy performed satisfactory service and needs the money. It is hoped that it will be possible to pay him.

B. B. DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Substitute Keeper
27 days at rate
of $80 per month,
$45 per day commuted
rations to be allowed.
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the amount paid the substitute
to be deducted from amount due
O'Reilly when settlement is
made with him

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(COPY)

Little Creek, Del.

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

I send you one more bill for my service in the Lighthouse. I was there 27 days at $3.35 per day and find the provisions, total amount $90.45.

This is the last bill.I sent you one a month ago and haven't received any reply from it yet. Was substitute for O'Reilly.

(Sgd.) JOHN HARDY

Little Creek, Del.

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December 14, 1923.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. Referring to Department approval of Bureau recommendation of August 18, 1923 for the discontinuance of services of Patrick R. O'Reilly, 2nd assistant keeper, Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station, N. J., during probation, for failure to return to duty after an extended absence:

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of the 4th Superintendent's letter of August 17, 1923 submitted to the Department by above-mentioned Bureau recommendation, wherein the Superinterdent states that O'Reilly furnished a substitute at his own expense. The Superintendent now reports that John Hardy was the substitute employed by O'Reilly, and that O'Reilly disappeared to parts unknown without providing for the payment of salary of substitute, also at the time of the discontinuance of the services of O'Reilly there was due him for pay and subsistence the sum of $140.70 which has not been paid him as his whereabouts are unknown.

3. The Bureau accordingly recommends that the employment of John Hardy for a period of 27 days at the rate of $60 per month, and 45 cents per day commuted rations, from July 20 to August 15, 1923, inclusive, be authorized, in order that he may be paid for services rendered. It is proposed to withhold an equivalent amount from pay due O'Reilly when making settlement with him.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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December 17, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of December 14, 1923, the Department has authorized the employment of John Hardy for a period of 27 days at the rate of $80 per month, and 45 cents per day commuted rations, from July 20 to August 15, 1923, inclusive, it being noted that an equivalent amount will be withheld from the pay due Patrick R. O'Reilly when making settlement with him.

By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 4th Supt. Be guided accordingly.